



Choral Music Talent Grants

Morningside University welcomes prospective students to consider the following primary choral music grants. *One primary grant may be received per student.*

Primary Grants

General Choral Music Grant - \$5,000

Morningside offers all prospective students who have designated choral/vocal music to be their primary participation area to receive a \$5,000 talent grant to participate in a choral ensemble. This award requires an informal voice hearing during a campus visit or through a submitted recording. At the hearing, the student may sing a formal or informal song of their choosing, or complete basic vocal exercises with the choral professor. *The grant may also be renewed each year the student registers for and participates in one of the university's four choral course offerings.* Recordings may be uploaded and links emailed to Dr. Ryan Person at personr@morningside.edu.

Mustang Choral Music Grant - \$7,500

This special financial award will be presented to select vocalists who demonstrate exceptionally high vocal performance skills and music aptitude during a live campus audition. To be considered, students **must audition** for a Morningside choral faculty member by Friday, February 2, 2024, and students will be notified of their selection via email by Friday, February 16. The chosen grant students must also provide written notice that they have accepted or declined the award, been admitted into the university with a completed FAFSA, and submitted a university enrollment deposit at www.morningside.edu/deposit by Friday, March 1, 2024. Notification of award acceptance or declination may be sent to Dr. Ryan Person at personr@morningside.edu. After receiving the grant, *it may be renewed each year the student registers for and participates in one of the university's four choral course offerings.* **All recipients must plan to audition for The Morningside Choir each August.**

Audition Guidelines

- Each interested student will present at least one art song or aria from memory, and the selection may be performed in any language. (Broadway musical selections will also be considered.) Performances should be accompanied by piano and may be between 2-4 minutes in length. If needed, Morningside will provide the auditioning student with a piano accompanist. However, a scanned copy of the sheet music should be emailed to Dr. Ryan Person at least five (5) days prior to the audition.
- Auditioning students will also complete one basic sight-reading example, as well as tonal memory exercises, in which a series of pitches will be played on the piano and the student will sing them back. The audition will be heard by one faculty member.

Secondary Grants

Secondary Area Music Talent Grant - \$500

While prospective students may receive a primary non-choral music talent grant, they may also receive an additional \$500 per year to participate in choral music. This award requires an informal voice hearing during a campus visit or through a submitted recording. At the hearing, the student may sing a formal or informal song of their choosing, or complete basic vocal exercises with the choral professor. *The grant may also be renewed each year the student registers for and participates in one of the university's four choral course offerings.* Recordings may be uploaded and links emailed to Dr. Ryan Person at personr@morningside.edu.