SD Junior Honor Choir 2027
SSA Choir Registration Information

Please register online at:

https://www.sd-acda.org/junior-honor-choir

- **All forms must be submitted online no later than November 23, 2026.**
- **Music Director is responsible for giving each student registration information.**
- **Parent/Guardian is responsible for registering students online.**

Congratulations!

Having a student selected for the SD Junior Honor Choir is indeed a credit to your fine teaching! Your further involvement will ensure the success of the project as well as adding to the fine musical experience your student is embarking upon. The following is a list of suggestions to help you prepare your student for the SD Junior Honor Choir event.

Director Checklist

- Communicate the information in this packet to the students and the parents.
- **Make sure the parents understand the magnitude of this project and assist the student in filling out the forms properly.**
- Work closely with the student learning parts. If there are any rehearsal notes, make sure the scores are marked and all the measures are numbered. You are responsible for ordering music for your singer(s).
- See if other students in your school system or community selected for the project wish to consolidate travel plans.
- Publicize this accomplishment and event. Be sure to inform your principal, music booster club, and community newspapers.
- Review hotel etiquette, rehearsal skills and stage presence with your student(s).
- Finalize your own director travel plans and conference registration. If you wish to be at the same hotel as the students, you can make your own arrangements by contacting the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls, SD. You are strongly encouraged to attend should an emergency arise with your student.

Thank you for your involvement and participation in this project.

Information Guide

Please read the following information and instructions carefully before completing any forms.

MUSIC

Each director is responsible for furnishing music for their singer(s). All music MUST BE MEMORIZED prior to the conference. Our guest conductor will rehearse the choir in preparation for the final concert. Parts might be checked, but not taught. Singers are to bring their music with them to each rehearsal along with a sharpened pencil. Please order music for your singers from your favorite music retailer. Spot checks will be conducted during the afternoon rehearsals to ensure the music has been prepared in advance.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Secure your travel arrangements early. Carpool with other honor choir members. Be prepared for South Dakota winter weather!

PACKING

The month of January can be very unpredictable in South Dakota. Plan for winter and/or unseasonably warm weather. Pack enough clothes for 2 days and 1 night, plus concert clothes, and personal articles. In rehearsals, wear nice, comfortable school clothing.

DRESS FOR THE CONCERT

All Singers: You will need to provide black dress pants (non-athletic pants), black socks, black dress shoes (please no bare ankles/white socks). You will be provided with a long-sleeved T-shirt with the Junior Honor Choir logo. Please consult the "Wear this, Not That" video on the Junior Honor Choir page.

ARRIVAL and REGISTRATION

Plan on arriving in Sioux Falls in plenty of time to register and be on time for rehearsal #1 at 12:30 PM. Report directly to the registration table at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls, SD. The registration table will be open from 10:30 AM until 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 22, 2027.

You will be housed 4 students per room. Your room is included in your registration fee. You will be checking into your rooms after the first rehearsal. All singers will stay with the choir at Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD. No singer will stay at their own home, or with a parent at the hotel. **Housing Assignments will be distributed from within the SSA choir.**A full staff of chaperones will be on duty around the clock.

Room reservations will be made for each singer upon receiving the completed registration form. It is not necessary to call the hotel. Family members and directors accompanying the singers, however, will have to make their own arrangements

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be held at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel Sioux Falls on Friday, January 22. On Saturday morning, January 23, all choir personnel will be bussed from the hotel to the Tea Area Performing Arts Center, 500 West Brian Street, Tea, SD. Singers will be dressed in their concert attire and will take their belongings with them at this time. A tentative rehearsal schedule will be posted. Keep a rehearsal schedule with your music and refer to it frequently. Bring your music and a sharpened pencil to every rehearsal**. Attendance at all rehearsals is MANDATORY.** During rehearsals, the students will be expected to be cooperative, attentive, and respectful.

MEALS

Friday evening dinner, Saturday morning breakfast, and Saturday lunch are included in your registration fee. All snacks are your responsibility. Friday lunch is not included. Please eat lunch prior to the first rehearsal on Friday.

CONCERT

The final performance will be held at 2:00 PM, January 23, 2027, at the Tea Area High School Performing Arts Center, 500 West Brian Street, Tea, SD 57064. An admission of $5 will be charged.

CHECKING OUT

You are responsible for checking out of the hotel and paying for any extra room charges that you might have accumulated during your stay. Your room is included in your registration fee.

Chaperone Responsibilities

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to you on the crucial role you have played in your child's musical achievements. Selection as a participant in the 2027 SD Junior Honor Choir is a great accomplishment, and your support of your child's musical endeavors undoubtedly has had a tremendous impact upon this success. While being chosen for the choir indeed marks a special event, it always costs money. Following is a list of expenses involved as a part of the Honor Choir project:

Registration Fee: $180 This fee will cover housing, T-shirt, 3 meals, clinician, accompanist, expenses, and any postage and handling. ALL HONOR CHOIR FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Housing: The housing fee is included in the registration fee. **Note:** All Honor Choir participants will be housed at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, 3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD, 57107. No one will stay at home or stay with their parents at the hotel. If the singer wishes to participate in the Junior Honor Choir activities, the singer will stay with the choir.

Meals: Friday evening, Saturday Breakfast, and Saturday Lunch are included in the registration fee. The student will be responsible for Friday lunch and any snacks.

Transportation: Parents are responsible for providing transportation to the Junior Honor Choir event in Sioux Falls, SD.

An **Audio Recording** (CD) will be available for purchase. Order forms will be available at the concert.

Memory Mate Photo: Professional group photos will also be available. Information and an order form will be given to the singer at rehearsal.

Concert: The SD Junior Honor Choirs will be featured in the final concert that will be held at the Tea Area High School Performing Arts Center, 500 West Brian Street, Tea, SD 57064 on Saturday, January 23, 2027, at 2:00 PM. The concert is open to the public. Admission, $5, will be charged.

Please read all the information in the packet carefully. If you wish to apply to be a chaperone, fill out the appropriate online form. Also, please include any special needs (medications, etc.) on the Permission/Release form. You should be very proud of your young singer and thank you for your support and involvement.

COMPLETING REGISTRATION

To complete your registration

STEP 1: go to https://www.sd-acda.org/junior-honor-choir and fill out the online form.

STEP 2: Click on the PayPal link to pay the $180 registration fee.

All forms must be submitted online by November 23, 2026

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SSA Choir Housing Information

Students in the SD Junior Honor Choir will be housed at Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, 3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD, 57107. Housing reservations for the honor choir will be made by the honor choir committee. Students will be housed 4 to a room. The housing fee is included in the registration fee. Teachers and family members are welcome to stay at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, 3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD, 57107. Call (605) 336-0650 for reservations.

Students are expected to treat the facilities and employees of the hotel with the utmost respect. Any student who fails to do so will be sent home immediately with the parent assuming the additional cost.

All Junior Honor Choir participants will stay at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, 3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD, 57107 with the choir. There will be no exceptions .

Housing Assignments will be distributed from within the SSA choir.

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Dear Parents and Sponsors,

The SD Junior Honor Choirs are seeking adults (21 years or older) to serve as chaperones for the special Junior Honor Choir Project that is a part of the SD-ACDA Mid-Winter Conference in Sioux Falls, SD on January 22-23, 2027. Chaperones will be responsible for approximately 10 seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade students, housed at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, 3200 W. Maple Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Chaperones will be required to stay at the Best Western Plus Ramkota in Sioux Falls, SD, also, and will begin their official capacity at 12:30 PM, Friday, January 22, 2027, until the special concert is finished on Saturday, January 23, 2027.

The responsibilities of the chaperones include:

- Provide counsel and TLC to our young singers when needed.
- Conduct evening room checks. (No one will be allowed out of their rooms after 10:00 PM unless it is an emergency.)
- Be available at all rehearsals.
- Check singers in at rehearsals.
- Be at the swimming pool during swimming time on Friday evening.
- Accompany the students to rehearsals and the final performance at the Tea Are High School Performing Arts Center, 500 West Brian Street, Tea, SD 57064 on Saturday, January 23, 2027.
- Give out room keys and collect room keys.
- Make sure the singers exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. Any serious infraction will result in the student being sent home immediately at the expense of his/her parents.
- Lend constant support for their musical endeavors.

Lodging on Friday night and three meals will be provided at no cost to the chaperones. Chaperones must arrive no later than 12:30 PM on Friday, January 22, 2027. There will be a short meeting after you have been introduced to the choir at rehearsal #1.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please fill out the chaperone application form online by November 23, 2026. You will be notified by December 22, 2026. I sincerely hope you will consider being such a vital part of the SD Junior Honor Choir project.

Please fill out the Chaperone Application online at

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