

American Choral Directors Association SD High School Honor Choir

Registration (Audition Fee) - \$15.00
Camp Fee - \$375.00

January 19, 2024

South Dakota High School Choral Directors:

For the 50th year, the South Dakota High School Honor Choir will once again provide a quality choral experience! The up to 150 voice choir, under the direction of Dr. Lynda Hasseler; Capital University, Columbus, OH, will meet on the campus of the University of Sioux Falls from **July 28 – August 2, 2024**. * **Dr. Hasseler is a native of Platte, SD!**

How can your students be a part of this opportunity? Auditions for the choir will be held on:

		<u>Site Chair</u>
April 2	Huron	Teresa Smith
April 4	Freeman	Sonja Waltner
April 5	Sioux Falls	Rogene Brown
April 6	Sioux Falls	Rogene Brown
April 10	Rapid City	Ann Deckert/Emily McGruther

Each school is assigned to an audition site. Please check the attached document for your site and write the audition site at the bottom of each registration form. If your students need to audition at an alternate site, I must receive a request, in writing (email is accepted), by March 1st.

[ASSIGNED AUDITION SITES](#) (click this link to see where your school goes to audition)

An audition form is available on the SD-ACDA website for your use. This year it is an electronic audition form. Each student/parent/guardian must complete the form. **Please note that these audition forms require parent/guardian consent in order for the student to be eligible to audition.**

I will also have a separate form for you to complete whether or not you endorse the student for auditions and camp. **You will be required to submit your ACDA Membership # and Expiration Date on that electronic form.**

The South Dakota High School Honor Choir is sponsored by the South Dakota American Choral Directors Association for high school singers presently in 10th or 11th grade. It is governed by an executive committee chosen from SD-ACDA members. Deadline for registration is March 1, 2024. **ANY REGISTRATION NOT ELECTRONICALLY POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024 WILL BE REJECTED** unless emergency accommodations have been agreed upon in advance.

There is a **\$15 audition fee**, please make checks payable to “SD Honor Choir” and mail to me at:

**Rogene Brown
2605 W Wood Dr.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105**

SPECIAL NOTES: If you have a special request for your auditions (ex. Same accompanist for each student auditioning), please make that request on your audition form. While not all requests can be guaranteed, the site chairs make every effort to honor these special requests in order to make the auditions at their site run smoothly. The site chairs work very hard to put together the audition schedule and, while we do understand that emergencies arise, it is important that they not be expected to make last-minute changes to the schedule unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any changes to your auditions (student voice part, audition site, etc.), you need to contact me – not the site chairs. This will help to alleviate errors and confusion with the final results. Contact your site chair with any audition schedule questions and requests and/or scratches.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

The audition has four parts including a written test on terms, sight-reading, ear-training and a prepared solo. Each student will be asked to sing a patriotic selection A Capella in their audition. This will exhibit their range and pitch control to the judge and will be a part of their points scored. The songs are as follows:

Soprano:	“America” (high note ‘G’, key of Bb)
Alto:	“America the Beautiful” (low note ‘G’, key of F)
Tenor:	“America” (high note ‘F’, key of Ab)
Bass:	“America the Beautiful” (low note ‘G’, key of F)

You can obtain the patriotic pieces, the term sheet and examples of sight singing, tonal memory and the written test online at the SD-ACDA website.

A credit-bearing conference for music teachers and church choral directors is offered during the Honor Choir week. This excellent conference is designed to meet the needs of all areas and levels of vocal music and is available to anyone. Teachers with students in the Honor Choir will receive a reduction in the cost of the conference and state convention. Additional information will be made available at a later date.

Spot checks will be held during the first day of the camp. At the first rehearsal, the Honor Choir members will be assigned to a quartet. On Monday of camp week, 16 of these quartets will be chosen through a random drawing to be tested on sections of three of the pieces from the concert repertoire.

Preparing students to audition and participate in the Honor Choir may be an added effort for you, the director. However, your student’s involvement can be a real benefit to you and your program. Students return to their schools as stronger musicians and contributing leaders to your choral program.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at:

(605)351-6746

Email: rogene.brown@k12.sd.us, or rogene.brown65@gmail.com

Good luck!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rogene Brown".

Rogene Brown
Auditions Chair