



2020-2021 Membership Packet

Parents Meeting

This year we will not have a large group, in-person parents meeting. Instead our board members will be personally calling each parent. During this call we will share with you the plans for 2020-2021, procedures to keep everyone healthy, and go over the tentative schedule.

Fees

The flat fee for participation in the 20/21 season is usually \$350.00 per member. We are evaluating our fees for this year and will update this amount soon. This usually includes three mandatory camps, music folder rental, equipment costs, musical director's salaries, administration costs, banquet at season's end, pictorial directory, uniform shirt, and the many other costs associated with maintaining the chorus financially. There will be no MCYC Fall Camp this year so that will bring the overall cost down a bit. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in all activities. Additional costs include tour, which is usually \$650. Tour is still in its planning phase as we are not sure what spring will look like with the COVID outbreak.

There are two options for payment: (More info will be shared when your board member calls)

1. **A one-time payment of \$1000** that covers annual participation fee and tour. (payment due 10-04-2020).
2. **Monthly payment option (8 payments in total):**
 - **\$300.00** - Amount for payment #1 is due by 09-20-20
 - **\$100.00** –due by the 15th of each month from October 2020 through April, 2020 (payments 2 – 8).

For payment arrangements other than those listed above, you can speak with the Treasurer (Monty McClelland).

Attendance

If I must miss a rehearsal or concert, or will arrive late, my **parent(s)** will contact my board member. I understand my parent(s) will be contacted if a call has not been received before chorus starts.

I will sing in every chorus function I attend. **I will not come to a rehearsal or performance if I am ill.** If I do become ill at a chorus function, or am unable to perform for any reason, I will stay in the sick room. I also know my parents will be notified and I may be sent home.

A maximum of five (5) absences will be allowed. Exceptions to this policy will be on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the board of trustees.

Conduct

I will not bring to, or use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or weapons at chorus functions. I will not willingly associate with people who participate in these activities while I am at chorus events. I understand that to do any of the above may result in my **immediate** dismissal from MDYC.

I will not participate in any conduct or conversation that could be considered harassment of any kind.

I will treat my fellow chorus members, music director(s), and the board of trustees with courtesy and respect.

I will remain on the property of any rehearsal or concert site from arrival to dismissal of the concert/rehearsal.

I will be respectful of the property of any church building or other facility hosting a chorus function.

Attitude

I will be reverent and participate positively during worship and devotionals.

I will be attentive and cooperative during rehearsals and announcements.

I will perform to the best of my ability.

If I disagree with my treatment, I will respectfully raise the issue with either a junior board member or any member of the board of trustees.

Appearance

I will make adjustments to my appearance if requested by a member of the board of trustees or the music director(s). I will meet all standards of dress as outlined in this packet.

Uniforms

The 2020-2021 chorus uniform will be Choral Robes. Sizes will be determined at rehearsals. The required uniform for underneath the robe is: Black dress pants, MDYC t-shirt, black socks, and black dress shoes. Chorus members provide the uniform to be worn under the robes (with the exception of the t-shirt). **Sneakers, moccasins, and slippers are not acceptable.**

Dress Code

The purpose of the dress code is to maintain uniformity among the members as well as appropriate dress as we strive to not bring attention to ourselves but to bring glory to God.

Practice Season: During the practice season you are not required to wear your uniform. Appropriate clothing is required (see list below).

Concert Season: Solid black dress shoes with no open toes or heels. Sneakers, moccasins, and slippers are not allowed. Black socks, black dress pants, and, chorus t-shirt. Belts must be plain black. Concert t-shirts must be tucked in during concert.

DURING CONCERT SEASON, MEMBERS MUST STAY IN UNIFORM FROM ARRIVAL THROUGH DEPARTURE FROM CONCERT SITE.

Men: Facial hair is not allowed unless there is a medical reason. Hair must be in a natural color (black, blonde, red, brown...) no colors. Hair must be neat and not distracting and out of your eyes. One small stud earring is allowed.

Women: Hair must be a natural color (black, blonde, red, brown...) no colors. If you choose to wear any type of hair bow, head band... it must match your hair color. Hair must be neat and not distracting and out of your eyes. Two small stud earrings in each ear are allowed as long as they are not distracting. Hoop earrings must be no larger than a quarter.

Accessories that are distracting must be removed or tucked in.

Camps: During our day camps the dress code is more relaxed so you may wear sweats and slippers. You will want to be comfortable.

Tour: When we are on tour our dress code will be the same as during our practice season. There will also be more information given to you as tour approaches.

Types of clothing/accessories that are **not** allowed: If you have any questions please contact one of the board members assigned to the dress code.

- Yoga pants; Leggings
- Stretch pants/tight pants
- Racerback tank tops
- Visible Tattoos
- Tank tops that have less than 2 finger width straps
- Clothing with inappropriate writing or design
- Shorts with inseam that is shorter than 5-inches
- Any clothing that is deemed inappropriate by the board
- Muscle shirts
- Pajama bottoms
- Slippers
- Facial Piercings
- Pants with writing on the seat
- Shirts that show mid section
- Jeans with rips above the knee

OTC (Over The Counter Meds)

MDYC carries a medical bag with over the counter (OTC) medications to take care of any nonemergency needs of the chorus members. This bag contains the following items that you have given us permission to administer your child: Motrin, Tylenol, Midol, Tums, Loratadine, (Claritin), Benadryl, Bandages

The MDYC board has looked at different ways to handle medication distribution with the safety of the members as a top priority, as it has always been. We have determined that the best way to do this is to have all medications distributed by MDYC board members. This includes all OTC medications.

At camp and on tour, your child will be required to turn in all medications. If your child takes prescription or OTC meds on a daily basis, we are asking that you put them in a Ziploc bag and ensure that their name is clearly print on both the bag and the packaging. We ask that all medications be left in the original bottles/packaging when given to us.

In order for us to keep a correct log of all medications given throughout the season we ask that you do not send any OTC meds with your child/children. If they are in need of any OTC medications, we will have them available. If they happen to carry it on them daily and forget to leave it at home, we ask that they do not take the OTC medications that they have brought with them. Also, we ask that you have a conversation with your child/children that they not share

medications with any other member. This can be very dangerous and we want to keep our members safe.

Agreement

If I do not conform to the terms of this membership packet at any time, I understand I may be asked to remain in a designated room for the remainder of a rehearsal or a concert. I may also be sent home (with parent notification). This time will be counted as an absence. Extended, documented refusal to comply with any or all of the terms in this membership packet may result in my dismissal from MDYC.

KEEP THESE THREE PAGES AS A REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

**You can fill out the online Membership Agreement Form by going to www.mdyc.com.
A hard copy is included on the following page.**



METROPOLITAN DETROIT YOUTH CHORUS

Membership Agreement

I have read and understand the policies for this chorus year. I agree to comply with all the provisions set forth in this Membership Packet including attendance, attitude, conduct and appearance.

Member Signature: _____

Print name & Date: _____

As parent(s) of the chorus member, I/we agree to support the membership guidelines, dress code, and fee schedule set forth by the MDYC Board of Trustees.

Parent Signature: _____

Print name & Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Print name & Date: _____

Authorization for Medical Attention

The following gives permission for the MDYC Board, Directors and chaperones to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary and releases the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus from liability against personal loss. Please contact MDYC Board of Trustees if you have any questions.

I/We the undersigned have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and have given our Consent for him/her to participate in the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus. I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any event and hereby release MDYC, the board, the directors and volunteer workers from any liability for injury, loss or damage to person or property that may occur during the normal course of my/our students involvement. In the event of injury which required the attention of a doctor, I/we give consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. I/we also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care which is not reimbursed by our health insurance provider. I/we give consent for our child's picture to be taken and displayed for promotional purposes by MDYC. I/we also agree to bring our child home at our own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent email address: _____

Parent phone number: _____

Congregation you would like to be announced at: _____

THIS COMPLETED PAGE MUST BE TURNED IN WITH THE COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM.