

Scholarship Requirements

Choral Scholars must be actively enrolled in a degree program at an area college or university. Scholars will become full participating members of the Adult Choir at First Baptist Church. Participation requirements will include a weekly rehearsal on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Sunday morning worship from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon. Additional activities include two seasonal concerts (with dress rehearsals) and a fall retreat (expenses covered). The 2017-2018 choral scholar terms begin Wednesday, September 6, through Sunday, December 17, 2017, and Wednesday, January 10 through Sunday, May 13, 2018. In this period, absences from 6 rehearsals and 6 services will be permitted. Payments of the scholarship will be made directly to the educational institution following each semester's participation.

Scholarship Application

Step One

(deadline is August 28, 2017)

Complete application online at www.fbca.net.

Click on *Worship*, then *Music Ministry*, then follow the links on the site for the online form, or to download this brochure.

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Complete enclosed application and mail or fax to:

**Choral Scholars • First Baptist Church
5 Oak Street • Asheville, NC • 28801**

Fax: 828-254-2302 Email: tjenkins@fbca.net

Step Two

Auditions for the 2017-2018 year will be held in the evening on August 29, 2017. An appointment will be made with you upon receipt of your application. Audition requirements include one prepared solo, sight reading, and aural evaluation.

Step Three

Positions will be offered by September 1, and rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

First Baptist Church of Asheville

For over one hundred and eighty years First Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina has been an important presence in Western North Carolina. Not only has its current building become an architectural signet against its mountain landscape, but the church has become a central force on the national landscape of moderate Baptists. Her loyalty to holistic mission and historical, yet relevant worship have been marks of her continued strength.

The music ministry of the church encompasses several music groups including the ninety-voice Adult Choir, Asheville Youth Choirs, Orchestra, Brass Quintet, and Handbell Choirs. Choirs from the church have sung at the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, the FBPM *Polyphony* conference, and the opening ceremonies of the BWA Youth Conference in Leipzig, Germany.

The Adult Choir sings weekly for the 11:00 a.m. worship and presents seasonal concerts with members of the Asheville Symphony Orchestra. Recent performances include Duke Ellington's *Sacred Concerts*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Rutter's *Requiem*, Arvo Pärt's *Te Deum*, Oja Gjelo's *Dark Night of the Soul*, and Bob Chilcott's *Jazz Mass*.

The church also offers many opportunities to young adults for discipleship, support and missions.



Choral Scholars

Eight \$2000 scholarship positions available

- Sing with one of the finest church choirs in the region
- Enjoy the support of a "home away from home" church family
- Create lasting friendships with other area students

Freedom. Friendship. Faith

First Baptist Church of Asheville Choral Scholar Application

Today's Date _____

Name _____ Email _____

Phone: Local _____ Cell _____ Work _____ Home _____

Local Address _____

Home Address _____

College/University _____ Major/Area of Study _____

Year in School (freshman, 2nd year, etc.) _____ Birthdate _____

High School _____ City/State _____

Music Activities:

Career Plans/Goals:

What interests you about our choral scholar program?

What has been your church experience (if any) to this point?

Please list at least two references with contact information:

(Use a separate sheet for responses if necessary)