

OCC Bursary Assistance Program Introduction

Introduction

The purpose of the bursary program is to offer financial assistance to those families who are unable to pay the complete choir program fees. Applicants must be able to contribute a portion towards the choir fees to be eligible. Each year the board determines the funding available for the OCC bursary program based on the funds raised each year. The Oakville Children's Choir (OCC) is an inclusive community-based program. As an organization we are proud to say that our goal is that no child or youth who has demonstrated potential or musical abilities be prevented from participating in our choir for financial reasons. Since 2011, this program has responded to 78 requests for financial assistance that has resulted in total support paid out of \$74,221.00. This is our commitment to the community, as we know that music has the ability to change lives. This program is supported by Ontario Endowment for Children and Youth in Recreation Fund (held within The Oakville Community Foundation).

Bursary Program

Bursaries are awarded to choristers based upon financial need and are meant to supplement those fees associated with choir tuition. Bursary applicants are required to complete an application, including a letter explaining the necessity for financial assistance along with a copy of the most recent Canada Revenue Notice of Assessment. If this assessment is not available because you are new to Canada, please advise us of this in your application.

Applications for bursary programs are to be submitted on or before September 1, 2017 deadline stated on the application. Each year application due dates may be revised to reflect the unique needs of each season.

Upon receipt of the bursary application an email will be provided to the applicant confirming the application has been received.

It is the OCC's belief that all candidates should contribute in some way towards the costs associated with their child participating in an OCC program.

Eligibility: Only those children and youth who are registered online to sing in the OCC for the 2017/2018 full season.

Important: All information is treated as highly confidential and every effort is made to protect each candidate's privacy.

The Bursary Committee, in consultation with the OCC Executive Director, will review candidate applications. The names of the applicants will be kept confidential and will only be known to the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant.

At the conclusion of the adjudication, each applicant will be informed of the decision of the committee. Decisions of this committee are final and there is no appeal. Financial assistance decisions will be made by September 15, 2017 and applicants will be notified by email.

For any questions about this program, please contact: Jackie Hawken or Katherine Hamilton at 905-337-7104 or email: info@oakvillechildrenschoir.com

All forms and information must be provided by the stated application deadline to:

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