



VOENA Scholarship Policy 2022-2023

Program Overview

All VOENA Members may apply for scholarships one time per year in the fall or spring. Most applications are submitted in the Fall and will be valid for a full year. If a scholarship is awarded in the Spring, it will be valid for one semester. All scholarship applications will be kept confidential with a review and decision-making policy that protects your privacy. Scholarships are awarded with the intent to create access to VOENA’s quality vocal music education for all children with the desire to sing, regardless of their ability to pay. **A limited number of scholarships are available.**

Scholarship Guidelines

Families may apply for scholarships for more than one child, and sibling discounts will apply for full or partial awards. *(For more information about sibling discounts, please see: www.voena.org/Choir/Tuition.html.)*

- Scholarships do not cover expenses for costumes, accessories, transportation or travel.
- A choir member may also apply at any time if the family’s financial circumstances have changed.
- Scholarship recipients will be asked to participate at the same level as all choir members. Poor attendance or lack of participation may lead to withdrawal or non-renewal of scholarship award.

Application Deadlines

- Fall (September) and Spring (February) Application deadlines for **new and returning members are listed on the application forms.**
- New applicants may attend one rehearsal before applying for a scholarship.
- New applicants may apply in the Spring or Fall, however return applications are due in the Fall.
- Fall scholarships will be awarded for two sessions (one year) unless financial circumstances improve.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

2022-23(From USDA/CA Free and Reduced Lunch Program)

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 464
2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
For each additional family member, add:	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

Application Requirements:

1. Scholarship Application Form
2. Evidence of eligibility for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program in your school district
3. Or, letter showing award for scholarship at a private school
4. Or, the PG&E Cares program
5. Or, a copy of the most recent tax return (Form 1040)

Guidelines for Showing Financial Need

VOENA follows the income eligibility guidelines used for the USDA/CA Free and Reduced Lunch Program. If you qualify for that program, you may also qualify for a VOENA scholarship. See chart at right to determine eligibility.

Partial scholarships may be available for families with incomes up to 50% higher than those indicated.