



**2023 OAKE**  
**National Conference Choirs**  
**FAMILY BROCHURE**  
*(Student Info Form included)*

Your child has been identified by their music teacher as a potential participant in the **OAKE National Conference Choirs in Jacksonville, Florida!** Many families have found this choral endeavor to be life-changing for their young singers.

Young musicians will prepare in advance, then participate in a rigorous 4-day rehearsal schedule **March 15-18, 2023** (Wed-Sat), culminating in a final performance the evening of Saturday March 18, 2023.



Please visit the OAKE website and speak with your music teacher to learn more. If your family commits to the dates and financial obligations, complete the Student Info Form in this packet and return it to teachers who will then work with singers to complete the audition process.

Visit [www.oake.org](http://www.oake.org) to learn about this musical experience!

**What is the OAKE National Conference and the National Conference Choirs?**

The **Organization of American Kodály Educators** has a mission to support music education of the highest quality, promote universal music literacy and lifelong music making, and preserve the musical heritage of the people of the United States of America through education, artistic performance, advocacy and research.

The **OAKE National Conference** occurs in a different city each year, bringing together music educators and clinicians over the course of four days and culminating in the performance of singers selected to participate in the National Choirs. Audition-based **OAKE National Conference Choirs** are each led by a nationally renowned conductor. Accepted singers will learn and memorize the music at home with their own teachers before going to the conference city.

Children's Choir (SSA)	Youth Treble Choir (SSAA)	Youth Mixed Choir (SATB)	Concert Treble Choir (SSAA)	Chamber Choir (SATB)
Grades 4-5	Grades 6-8		Grades 9-12	
Treble voices in grades 4-5	Treble voices in grades 6-8	Tenor and Bass voices, plus Treble voices selected from the "Youth Treble Choir" auditions, grades 6-8	Treble voices in grades 9-12	Tenor and Bass voices, plus Treble voices selected from the "Concert Treble Choir" auditions, grades 9-12

*We are especially excited to grow the (new!) Youth Mixed Choir!*  
*There is currently no audition limit per teacher for any of the choirs. OAKE values having participation from a variety of schools and teachers and in cases of close results may prioritize singers from schools with fewer accepted singers.*

## How does the audition work and what happens if my child is accepted?

Please visit the OAKE website and speak with your music teacher to learn more.

- **If your family can commit to these dates and financial obligations**, complete the *Student Info Form* in this packet and return it to teachers who will then work with singers to complete the audition process. Many audition for this artistic experience and acceptance into the choirs is not guaranteed.
- **\$26 audition fee:** must be paid for auditions to be considered. Your teacher will email you a payment link unless your school is covering that cost. You do not need to create any accounts.
- **Full financial commitment, if accepted: \$300 registration fee, plus travel and hotel:** Once accepted, choir registration and fee are a very quick turnaround in December. Do estimate other travel expenses.
- **Should your singer be accepted**, register quickly by the deadline, then music packets will be shipped to teachers who will work with singers to prepare! The OAKE website will have all the info you need and we'll alert you to updates by email.
- **Families must stay at the official conference hotel:** It's close to rehearsals and these reservations defray the cost of rehearsal space and other aspects of the choirs which would otherwise drive up the cost of registration itself. Plus, it's just fun to see everyone, including the teachers enjoying their own professional conference!
- **Travel plans:** Be at the conference hotel in time for Wednesday afternoon Check-in and Orientation. Concerts are Saturday and we recommend Sunday departure.
- **Supervision:** The OAKE National Conference Choirs Committee will take care of students only during rehearsals. Families or a designated chaperone must accompany them during all down-time, including meal breaks. The rehearsal schedule will be finalized in the weeks just prior to their trip.

Please be mindful that if your singer is accepted but then turns it down, another deserving singer has lost the opportunity.

## Overview of Significant Dates and Financial Obligations

visit [www.oake.org](http://www.oake.org) for all details

Auditions	Dates	Fee
<b>Audition and Fee Deadline</b>	October 13	<b>\$26 USD</b> <i>non-refundable</i>
<b>Audition Results emailed</b>	By November 15	
If Accepted	Dates	Fee
<b>Student Registration &amp; Fee Deadline</b>	December 1	<b>\$300 USD</b> <i>non-refundable*</i>
<b>Flight/Travel to Jacksonville, FL</b>	Costs Vary and may be significant	
<b>Hotel: Hyatt Regency JAX Riverfront</b>	OAKE Rate: \$177/night + tax Parking rates may also apply	
<b>OAKE National Conference and Choirs</b>	MARCH 15-18, 2023 (Wed-Sat rehearsals, Saturday evening performance)	

\*see website for specific exceptions

# OAKE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHOIRS

## STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Return this form to your teacher by their requested date.

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this pdf on your computer and email to your child's teacher. **Notifications of acceptance or decline will arrive via email** and this will be OAKE's primary mode of communication with you. **If you must complete by hand, it is very important to write legibly for your teacher.**

**TEACHER USE ONLY:**

Choir & Voice Part \_\_\_\_\_

Singer's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Enter the student's name exactly as you would like it to be printed in publicity materials, if selected.*

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Height (in inches) \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL**

\*Children's Choir (4-5 Grade) orders fulfilled in Youth sizes;

\*Youth Treble/Mixed, Concert Treble & Chamber Choir (6-12 Grade) orders fulfilled in Adult sizes;

*T-shirts tend to run small, so please plan accordingly*

Singer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Street address*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City*

\_\_\_\_\_

*State*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Zip Code*

Parent #1 Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Full name (*suggested, but optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Phone Number (*suggested, optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Email address (*suggested, optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Commitment:**

If selected, I will learn and memorize the music prior to the OAKE National Conference, and will proudly represent my institution to the best of my ability by exhibiting outstanding character, commitment, and musicianship.

**Parent Commitment:**

If accepted, the cost to participate in the OAKE National Conference Choirs is \$300 plus travel and hotel expenses. In addition, I am responsible for clearing the family calendar of all potential conflicts, and making travel arrangements. I understand these obligations and will support my child in accepting this national honor if they are chosen to participate in the OAKE National Conference Choirs.

Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



**Payment Info:** Applications and the \$26 payment are completed online through Opus Events.

**TEACHERS: DO NOT** mail this form to the OAKE National Office. All of this information needs to be typed into the Opus Events site. Keep this parent and student commitment for your records.