



## Edmonton Young Voices Bursary Guidelines

1. Eligibility to bursary program is based on LICO (Low Income Cut Off) scale plus 30% with financial proof of low-income status is required as part of bursary program (see table 1 below for LICO scale). This is similar to other non-profit organizations such as KidSport, YMCA, and the City of Edmonton Leisure Access Program.
2. **Include your financial documentation - we accept ONE of the following documents to reflect total household NET income:** 2022 Notice of Assessment (Needed for ALL adults in home) **OR** Canada child Benefits Letter, tax year 2021, Page 1 & 2 **OR** Alberta Health Benefits Letter **OR** Income support documents **OR** Subsidized housing Letter or Rental Agreement **OR** Copy of a City of Edmonton Leisure Access Pass Receipt (cards are not accepted) **OR** a letter of endorsement from a principal/lawyer/clergy/social worker written on letterhead and signed.
3. Bursaries are awarded for registration costs only. Costs of tickets, tours and other special events are not included. Bursary award recipients need only to pay for 2 tickets per concert (\*\*\$), rather than the expected 5 tickets purchase commitment of standard choir tuition fees.
4. Capped at 250\$/chorister with two bursaries available per year from EYV (funding model of 500\$/year available).
5. Donations to bursary program – choir to fund 500\$/year, but other financial gifts to bursary program welcomed. The choir may then be able to offer increased bursaries which may fluctuate year to year. Choir board would indicate each year how many 250\$ bursaries would be available at the AGM and on the website.
6. Donations of tickets may be considered as a “pay it forward” mechanism within the choir. Regular tuition continues to include the commitment of 5 tickets/family/concert. However, if these tickets are not needed they may be re-gifted within the choir for other members that may need them. Although ticket sales do help the revenue to offset concert fees, the choir board acknowledges this may be a financial strain on some families and wish that all that want to attend the concert are able to do so.
7. On registration, applicants would indicate if needing to apply to bursary for funding assistance. Must register and apply by September 30 of choir season. Families must apply for each child. Based on other applicants and lottery results will determine if one or more child in a family are awarded the bursary.

8. Applications would be reviewed and if more than two (or amount available for bursary assistance for that year) will be entered into a lottery system to choose by October 15.
9. At the time of awarding bursaries, unfunded families may withdraw registration from program with full refund of registration costs if they indicate. Funded families must pay balance of registration fees or set up monthly withdrawal fee schedule with choir manager (see table 2 below for EYV registration fees).
10. Statistics will be kept to see how many families are turned away and the board may put out a financial appeal for increased bursary donation assistance.

**Table 1: LICO scale (+30%)**

Families that are low income, unemployed, on AISH, currently receiving income support through provincial government are all considered eligible. Edmonton Young Voices will adopt the KidSport model which uses the Federal government LICO scale (+30%) to determine financial eligibility:

| <b>Household</b>  | <b>LICO</b> | <b>LICO +30</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>2 persons</b>  | \$32,270    | \$41,951        |
| <b>3 persons</b>  | \$39,672    | \$51,574        |
| <b>4 persons</b>  | \$48,167    | \$62,617        |
| <b>5 persons</b>  | \$54,630    | \$71,019        |
| <b>6 persons</b>  | \$61,613    | \$80,097        |
| <b>7+ persons</b> | \$68,598    | \$89,177        |

**Table 2: Edmonton Young Voices Tuition 2023 – 2024 season**

|                              |                    |       |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| EYV Junior Choir             | Grades K – 3       | \$425 |
| EYV Children’s Choir         | Grades 3/4 - 6     | \$535 |
| EYV Chamber Choir            | Grades 7 – 9/10    | \$650 |
| EYV Ensemble                 | Grades 10 – age 25 | \$450 |
| EYV Chamber Choir & Ensemble | Grades 10 - age 25 | \$800 |

**Sibling Tuition**

Reduced tuition is available for families with more than one singer enrolled in any EYV programs.

Full tuition is required for the oldest singer. Each additional singer in the family, regardless of choir, receives a reduction of 10% off tuition.

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