

# ***SOUTHERN UNION*** ***STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE***

Dear Music Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Southern Union State Community College's Music Program. Our auditions will be held on Monday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Choral Studio on the second floor of the Renaissance Center on our Wadley Campus. Each prospective scholarship recipient must complete a vocal audition and a personal interview with me and any assisting college representatives. Auditions and interviews will be closed to everyone else. One of our financial aid representatives will be available to talk with you and/or your parents/guardians on the dates of the auditions, and campus tours are available upon request.

Below are guidelines for your audition:

- Please come prepared to sing one song (memorized).
- Choose a song which best displays your vocal abilities.
- You may use recorded accompaniment. (A cappella performances are NOT recommended.)

After your performance, we will discuss your interest in our music program, and I will answer any questions you may have. We are looking for talented, hard-working, enthusiastic young people who want to participate in Show Choir. Good attitudes and pleasant personalities are just as important as your musical skill.

At Southern Union, we have state-of-the-art technology, a supportive administration, a beautiful campus, and qualified faculty. The Music Department of Southern Union has a rich history of accomplishments. The Southern Union Show Choir performs before standing-room-only audiences each year for their Christmas Concert and the Spring Show. After several acclaimed performances at Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Southern Union Show Choir has earned an open invitation to perform, and the group usually performs in New York City every other year barring any unforeseen circumstances. In addition, our music students are highly sought after by the four-year institutions with strong music departments.

**Please read the instructions on the Scholarship Application carefully. You must submit all required documents by the March 1 deadline in order to be considered for a scholarship. Please note that in addition to submitting all required documents, you must contact me, preferably by email, to schedule a time for your appointment. If you encounter an emergency and cannot come to campus on March 6 or 7, we will discuss alternate dates and formats for you.**

We look forward to meeting you and hearing you sing.

Sincerely,

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