



# COLLEYVILLE HERITAGE

## PANTHER CHOIR

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### **Choir students and parents:**

Each school year, the Texas Music Educators Association sponsors Texas Region Choirs and the All-State Choir audition process to promote students' dedication to their musical knowledge and skill and to encourage opportunities for director's statewide to support their students' individual development. The students that participate in these opportunities maintain a special combination of vocal maturity, musical maturity, desire, dedication, and hard work. These students prioritize the pursuit of their progress as a singer and musician and their commitment to the challenges of the music and the audition process. The musical and personal growth from these processes are invaluable. Through our commitment to our students and their commitments to these processes and themselves, the CHHS Panther Choir program has established itself as a primary competitor in our area with our students earning multiple spots in the Texas All-State Choirs each year.

Throughout the summer, many of our students begin preparing for these auditions by taking advantage of the wonderful teaching and performance opportunities offered through All-State Choir Camps that occur around the state. These camps, hosted by state and private Universities, offer students an opportunity to learn the All-State literature in a group environment from experienced educators. Camps are 2-4 days in length and vary in price according to the university and housing needs. Many of these camps conclude with a "concert" that is recorded and open to the public. Attendance at one of these camp not only provides a huge boost to the student in the all-state process but also enriches them with wonderful musical and social experiences.

The All-State choir process is incredibly rewarding and also highly competitive. Each year, fifteen-thousand singers begin the process to earn a place in their Region choir and students who earn advancing positions ultimately work to be one of the 260 singers in the All-State mixed choir. Attending an All-State camp is the best way for students to get a strong start in the All-State process and the only way to guarantee the opportunity to perform the literature with a choir.

### **All-State Camp Scholarships**

We are privileged that the CHHS Panther Choir Boosters supports our singers by offering ten, \$100 scholarships to assist in the cost of All-State Camps. For most camps this will not completely cover the cost of attendance, but will significantly reduce the financial burden. To be considered, applications should be submitted online by Friday, February 21st. Awards will be announced by Friday, March 1st.

- Incoming 9th grade students are eligible to apply for the scholarship and should submit a letter of recommendation from their middle school director.
- Applications will be reviewed by the director and awarded according to student potential, commitment and financial need.
- Scholarship checks will be made out to the camp. In cases where payment has already been made or payment must be completed online, please present a receipt to redeem your scholarship.

### **All Recipients will be required to**

- Provide proof of attendance at a valid Texas All-State Camp.
- Attend and participate in all rehearsals, clinics/concerts as specified by the director.
- Participate in all rounds of the competition as long as they advance.

Students that do not fulfill these requirements for any reason (scheduling, ineligibility) will forfeit their scholarship. In the event that the booster club has already paid out the scholarship, the student account will be billed the amount of the scholarship.

**Application is available via our website at [www.chhspantherchoir.org](http://www.chhspantherchoir.org)**

