

COVER LETTER VIRGINIA BEACH CHORALE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Subject: Lou Sawyer Memorial Scholarship, \$500 to \$1,000

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Virginia Beach Chorale Lou Sawyer Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Sawyer was a moving force behind music education in the Virginia Beach School System for many years. We are pleased that his influence in the education of students will continue, made possible by the contributions of many throughout the Arts community, who performed with him or enjoyed the performances of the Virginia Beach Chorale.

The application you are about to fill out is straightforward; you should have little difficulty with it. If you do have questions, do not hesitate to ask your school's choral/band director for assistance. We have provided a name and email address below if you have questions that he or she cannot answer. The application must be completed and postmarked to the address below by April 15, 2026.

Scholarship applications may also be emailed
to: **scholarship@virginiabeachchorale.org**.

In lieu of an in-person audition, required attachments are 1) a headshot, 2) short biography, and 3) a recording of a prepared piece. The scholarship winner will be selected and announced by April 30, 2026.

Good Luck!

JR Thornton, Scholarship Committee Chair
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Mail scholarship applications to:
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