



VIVA Singers Toronto **2023-24 Bursary Application Form**

Due Date: Aug 14, 2023 (Term 1); Dec 18, 2023 (Term 2)

Bursaries consist of the waiver of a portion of tuition fees for VIVA and do not constitute any cash distribution to the recipients. Bursary money applies towards part of the Tuition Portion of fees only and not towards the Non-Tuition Fees which include the ticket subscription and Theory fees (Junior and Main). Choir T-shirts (\$15-\$20) music folders (\$40) and music bags (\$20) are also not covered by bursary funds. It is expected that families of bursary students will cover part of the tuition fee as well as the above expenses. Every year, VIVA Singers Toronto awards bursaries to VIVA choristers whose families demonstrate financial need.

Bursaries are available for choristers in the Preparatory Chorus, Junior Choir, Main Chorus, and EVM Chorus. Total bursary monies awarded will vary from year to year.

To be eligible for a VIVA Bursary, the chorister must:

- Successfully complete a VIVA Singers Toronto assessment/audition (or be a member already)
- Submit a parent/guardian statement explaining the financial need
- Submit a chorister statement outlining why they want to be a member of VIVA
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent Canadian resident
- Participate in a minimum of one fundraising campaign

To retain bursary status throughout the year, choristers must:

- Attend all rehearsals;
- Participate in and pass regular performance evaluations as required; and
- Demonstrate an on-going commitment to the choir.

To apply, fill out the Bursary Application Form below. We will not consider incomplete or misdirected applications. All bursaries require the approval of the VIVA Bursary Committee. Tuition bursaries will be awarded by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.

In late August (Term 1) or December (Term 2), applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their application. Successful applicants will submit the requisite remaining portion of Fees not covered by the bursary by September 10, 2023. If an applicant does not respond to the bursary offer by September 10, the bursary may be given to someone on the waiting list.

Successful applicant families are required to participate in a minimum of one VIVA fundraising initiative annually.

The bursary constitutes taxable income under the *Income Tax Act*.

This program is administered by the Board of Directors of VIVA Singers Toronto.

If you have any questions, please contact VIVA Administration at admin@vivayouthsingers.com.

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Parent/Guardian Name (s) _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Chorister Name _____

Chorister Date of Birth _____ Pronouns _____

The chorister is a Canadian Citizen _____ or Permanent Canadian Resident _____

Parent/guardian Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone - Home _____ Parent/guardian Cell _____

New Chorister _____ Returning Chorister _____

I have applied for a Bursary in the past _____ I have received a Bursary in the past _____

If so, what year(s) _____ Past Bursary (Bursaries) Granted \$ _____

Choir or Age Group (please check one)

- Preparatory Chorus (ages 4-6) _____
- Junior Chorus (approximate ages 7 and up) _____
- Main Chorus (approximate ages 10 and up) _____
- EVM Chorus _____

Attach the following documents to your application and

email to: admin@vivayouthsingers.com

Or Mail to: VIVA Singers Toronto, 427 Bloor Street West, Box 5, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1X7

- A letter (150-200 words or one page) from a parent or guardian describing why a bursary to help to cover the Tuition Portion of the fees is necessary and indicate how much of the Tuition Portion in addition to the list of Non-Tuition Fees (see list in the instructions above) you are able to pay
- The signed Bursary Application Agreement

Bursary Application Agreement

I understand that there is limited bursary assistance available, that any assistance available is distributed on the basis of financial need, and that the decision of the committee regarding financial need is deemed final and irrevocable. I also understand that financial assistance is granted in the form of a waiver for part of the tuition portion of VIVA Singers Toronto fees, and that under no circumstances can the VIVA Singers Toronto make a cash payment to an applicant for bursary assistance. I understand that I will still be required to pay a portion of the tuition fees plus the non-tuition portion of the fees which include the mandatory purchase of a ticket subscription (variable per choir) and Theory Books (Main/CYLS and Junior only), \$40 for a music folder (new Main/CYLS only) and \$20 for a Music Bag (new Main/CYLS and Junior only).

- I have attached the required documents from the list above
- I agree that the chorister will participate in a minimum of one fundraising initiative

I attest that the information is complete and accurate.

Signature of chorister:

Date:

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:

Print name of parent/guardian:
