

2020-2021 MORRIS AREA HONOR CHOIR REQUIREMENTS

Instructions for video auditions:

1. Students will submit their auditions in two parts - Scales & Solo
2. Auditions need to be VIDEO recordings, not audio. It is recommended that students use a smartphone or tablet to record their audition. Chromebooks are NOT recommended due to the low quality microphone.
3. The video should show the student's face and upper torso for the entire audition.
4. The video/audio should not be edited in any way, and should be recorded in one take from start to finish. Any videos that show evidence of editing will be disqualified.
5. Students should NOT state their name or school during the video.

All students must use the starting pitch tracks found at <http://www.morrisareahonorchoir.org/>

VIDEO #1 - DIATONIC SCALES

- a. Both scales should be recorded in one video file.
- b. All scales shall be sung one octave in a legato style.
- c. The tempo for the scales should be mm. 88-96 per note. The final note ascending and descending should have a brief fermata.
- d. All scales are to be sung on the syllable "AH" as in the word "father."
- e. Scales marked with an asterisk (*) will be sung descending, with a breath at the bottom, then ascending. All other scales are sung ascending, with a breath at the top, then descending.
- f. Scoring for major scales is on quality and intonation, 1-10 points for each (1 being the best possible score.)
- g. The starting pitch of each scale should be played with the pre-recorded tracks found on the website listed above.
- h. Scales for each voice part are as follows:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCALES

	Low	High		Low	High
Soprano	E	G		High Baritone	E* F#
Alto	A	D	Low Baritone	Bb*	D

*May be sung descending first

HIGH SCHOOL SCALES

	Low	High		Low	High
SI	E	A	TI	E	Ab
SII	C	G	TII	C	F
AI	A	E	BI	A	Eb
AII	G*	C	BII	F*	C

*May be sung descending first

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VIDEO #2 - SOLO

- a. The solo must be sung from memory.
- b. Scoring for the solo is on quality, intonation, and musicianship. (1-10 points for each)
- c. The solo sheet music and keys for each voice part can be found at
<http://www.morrisareahonorchoir.org/>
- d. The starting pitch of the solo should be played with the pre-recorded tracks found on the website listed above.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - "SALLY GARDENS"

HIGH SCHOOL - "SHENANDOAH"