

2020-2021 Tuition and FACTS Info

Tuition can be paid in one of three payment plans - Plan A (one payment); Plan B (two payments); or Plan C (monthly payments). *

Choir	Grades	Annual Tuition
Fresca	2+	\$1,260
Amabile	5+	\$1,700
Vivace	7+	\$1,740
Amore	9+	\$1,890
Ensemble	10+	\$2,270

*Tuition for choristers entering in January will be prorated at 2/3 of the annual tuition.

Additional Costs

The annual registration fee is \$100. In the case of ticketed performances, prices range from \$10 - \$28 per person. When tours are offered, they are an additional and optional expense.

Scholarships

Northwest Girlchoir values accessibility and diversity, and has a long-standing, growing financial aid program. We encourage participation by any enthusiastic young singer regardless of ability to pay full tuition. Scholarship applications are distributed with enrollment packets; awards will be offered before the first week of rehearsal. Scholarships can be granted up to 85% of annual tuition. To apply for choir scholarships, please visit northwestgirlchoir.org/scholarship to complete our 2020-21 Scholarship Form.

Schedule for Tuition Refund or Reduction 2020-2021

If a chorister withdraws from choir for any reason before the end of the season, Northwest Girlchoir will offer a tuition refund or reduction according to the schedule below. Note that we are offering more flexibility in our deadlines this year due to our new learning models. Chorister parents must give written notice of their intent to withdraw. The tuition refund or reduction will be based on the date that the written notice (email or letter) is sent to the Northwest Girlchoir office. Please note: if you are on an installment plan, you must continue paying installments until you have paid the required portion. Registration fees are non-refundable.

If you join us in the fall:

- If written notice is given by September 14, 2020 the family is liable only for the \$100 nonrefundable registration fee and any FACTS installment fees (\$10 - \$45).
- If written notice is given by October 31, 2020 the family is liable for the \$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and 1/4 of the annual tuition.
- If written notice is given by January 11, 2021, the family is liable for the \$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and 1/2 of the annual tuition.
- If written notice is given AFTER January 11, 2021, the family is liable for the \$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and the entire 2020/2021 tuition.

If you join us in January:

- If written notice is given by January 11, 2021, the family is liable for only the \$100 nonrefundable registration fee and any FACTS installment fees (\$10 - \$45).
- If written notice is given by March 31, 2021 the family is liable for the \$100 nonrefundable registration fee, FACTS fees, and 1/2 of the annual tuition.

FAQs

TUITION

What are the fees I'm responsible for when I enroll my daughter?

The main choir fee is annual tuition, which ranges from \$1,260 for Fresca to \$2,270 for Ensemble. The other fee is an annual registration fee, which is \$100 for all choirs.

If payment is made via the FACTS tuition management service you might be assessed a fee, depending on the payment plan you select. FACTS processing fees are \$0 for a single payment, \$10 for a two-payment plan, and \$45 for monthly payments. If you link your FACTS account to a credit card, they will assess a 2.85% credit card fee. Alternatively, you may link your FACTS account to your checking account with no additional fee.

What does Northwest Girlchoir tuition cover?

What we call the choir tuition fee actually pays for much more than instruction. This year, it also pays for sheet music for the year, a choir t-shirt, and instruments and equipment.

Tuition covers just 45% of the cost of this year's choir program. The remaining 55% is covered by donations to our organization. Although Northwest Girlchoir's costs continue to increase, we have reduced the cost of tuition this year due to the impacts of COVID-19 on our program and our families.

What is the Northwest Girlchoir registration fee for?

When each chorister registers with the choir, the office staff devotes resources to preparing for that chorister's participation in the coming year. Music is ordered and then distributed among the chorister folders. Emergency health and safety binders are created with current and accurate chorister information. Roll sheets and attendance records are prepared for all choristers. Chorister files are organized with current and accurate information. The registration fee covers the time and materials to make these initial preparations each year, as well as updates throughout the season.

How should I handle the online enrollment process if I'm also applying for a scholarship?

If you are applying for financial aid, please enroll in FACTS at the same time that you complete your registration. We will not process any payments until after you accept your scholarship offer.

What forms of payment are accepted?

With FACTS, accepted forms of payment are ACH (bank account transfer) and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express). Please note that payments made via credit card are assessed a 2.85% convenience fee.

You also have the option of making a one-time, lump-sum payment of your tuition and registration fee by check directly to the choir office.

FACTS

How do I know when payments from my account to Northwest Girlchoir will happen?

You will be fully informed via email of the full schedule of payments for the entire year. You can go online to the FACTS website at any time to view your account, and see your past and upcoming scheduled payments. A few days prior to each scheduled payment, you will also receive a reminder notification from FACTS via email.

When will my FACTS fee and my NWGC registration fee be paid from my bank or credit card account?

The FACTS fee (if any) will be paid from your account no more than 14 days from the time the choir completes its part of your enrollment with FACTS, which would typically be the next choir business day after you complete your part of enrollment with FACTS.

The NWGC registration fee is applied to your FACTS account after your FACTS enrollment is complete, with a payment date 14 to 29 days later.

What happens if I discover that I won't be able to make a scheduled payment?

We understand that people experience many kinds of financial surprises. So, if you find that your account will not contain enough funds at the right time to cover a particular scheduled payment, please call the choir office and let us know. We will work together to make a new plan and adjust your payment schedule accordingly.

We must be notified at least 3 days prior to the date of a scheduled payment in order to be able to make a change to that payment. Please note that the choir office is only open Monday through Thursday.