

2019-2020 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 or D (monthly payments). *

| Choir | Grade | Annual Tuition |
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| Prep Choir | Grades 1-2 | \$990 |
| Fresca | Grades 3+ | \$1,330 |
| Amabile | Grades 5+ | \$1,790 |
| Vivace | Grades 7+ | \$1,830 |
| Amore | Grades 9+ | \$1,990 |
| Ensemble | Grades 10-12 | \$2,390 |

*Tuition for choristers entering in January will be prorated at 67% of the annual tuition.

Additional Costs

An annual registration fee ranges from \$75 - \$100, depending on the choir level. Ticket prices for our mainstage concerts (December, March, and May/June) range from \$10 - \$28 per person. Tickets are available at northwestgirlchoir.org/events. For auditioned choirs (Fresca and up), spring/summer tours are an additional and optional expense.

Sibling Discount

A 10% discount on tuition is offered for the youngest sibling participating in Northwest Girlchoir.

Scholarship

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 scholarship, please visit northwestgirlchoir.org/scholarship to complete our 2018-2019 Scholarship Form.

Schedule for Tuition Refund or Reduction 2019-2020

Choristers may be due a tuition refund or reduction if they withdraw from choir before the end of the season due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances. Parents of choristers must give written notice of their intent. The tuition refund or reduction will be based on the date that the written notice is turned in 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.

- If written notice is given by September 1, 2019 the family is liable only for the \$75-\$100 nonrefundable registration fee and any FACTS installment fees.
- If written notice is given by October 15, 2019 the family is liable for the \$75-\$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and 1/4 of the annual tuition.
- If written notice is given by January 1, 2020, the family is liable for the \$75-\$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and 1/2 of the annual tuition.
- If written notice is given AFTER January 1, 2020, the family is liable for the \$75-\$100 registration fee, FACTS fees, and the entire 2019/2020 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 \$990 for Prep Choir to \$2,390 for Ensemble. If you have more than one daughter in choir, all but the eldest receive a 10% discount on their tuition. The other fee is an annual registration fee, which is \$75 for Prep Choir and \$100 for all other 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. It also pays for the choir uniform (all choirs except Prep Choir), sheet music for the year, a choir T-shirt, as well as contributing to concert venue rental, accompanist fees, and much more.

Northwest Girlchoir is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Tuition covers just 63% of the costs of Northwest Girlchoir's programs. The remaining 37% of the cost for your chorister's choir is covered by donations to our organization and concert ticket sales. We intentionally keep the cost of tuition low, so as many families as possible can participate. Please visit <http://www.northwestgirlchoir.org/donate> to join our many families who contribute to keep choir affordable for all.

Why does Northwest Girlchoir charge a registration fee?

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, before you submit your scholarship application. 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.