
Choir Membership and Fee Structure

Annual singing membership	\$500
Joining fee*	\$30

The SUGC Membership Fee is structured on the basis that members commit for the year. The annual singing fee may be paid by one of the following methods:

- Direct deposit by 31 March
- Credit card payment at rehearsal by 31 March (+1.5% processing fee)
- Direct debit - quarterly or half-yearly (+1.5% processing fee)

*Joining fee does not apply to University of Sydney students, alumni or staff.

Singing fees are levied to cover fixed running costs of the choir for the year, such as hire of rehearsal venues, the stipends of Music Director and Accompanist, and insurances.

Where a member resigns or becomes unfinancial (and membership therefore lapses) a new member application must be submitted to re-join the choir. If places are available, the applicant will be auditioned and, if successful, be liable for the joining fee.

Choir members are expected to attend all rehearsals (see also Singing member's commitment) and sing in all concerts. If a chorister needs to take leave for a concert (for example due to illness, work commitments or overseas travel), leave will be automatically approved, but no part of the fees will be refunded.

The best results from the choir come from regularly singing together; in addition, we have limited space at the rehearsal venue and limited parking which has to be managed. All administrative work is done by choir member volunteers and this is an important consideration for keeping such work to a minimum.

If a choir member has paid the full year's membership, but submits a resignation by 31 May, half the fee will be refunded.

Members joining the choir after 1 August will pay a reduced membership fee.

Full-time students are offered a discount of 50%. Please provide the Treasurer with relevant documentation.

The Music Director may recommend that a half-fee scholarship be given to an applicant with considerable singing talent but very limited means (unemployed, recent graduate etc), to a maximum of four such scholarships applying at any one time. Scholarships will be decided by the committee on provision of applications from the Music Director.

Choir members facing serious financial hardship may discuss alternative payment arrangements with the Treasurer. Such arrangements will be determined in confidence under the President's discretion.