

Choral Excellence Scholarship Awards  
In honor of  
Bart & Pat Messina  
and  
Gary & Myra Morris  
Sponsored by J & B Music  
Administered by the Arkansas Choral Directors Association

Requirements:

- Must be a graduating senior from an ArkCDA member school
- Must plan to major in choral music education at a college or university - not limited to AR
- Must be nominated by their high school choral director

Two recipients will be selected by the ArkCDA Executive Board of Directors and announced at the All-State Choir Concert in February. Selection is based on the submitted application materials, references, and applicant narrative. A majority vote of the Board will determine the recipients.

The award will include a plaque and a one-time monetary award of \$1,000. The funds will be paid at the beginning of the recipients' SECOND SEMESTER upon verification of enrollment. To receive the funds, the recipient or their choir director should contact the ArkCDA Executive Director at [arkcda@gmail.com](mailto:arkcda@gmail.com).

The complete application process includes:

1. Submitting the google form application (which requires the files below to be uploaded)
2. Uploading a copy of your current high school transcript
3. Uploading **3 letters of reference** from your high school teachers and/or administrators **(1 of which must be from your choir director)**
4. Uploading a letter of application from yourself that lists your qualifications, lists any honors, activities, or achievements, and describes your professional goals and aspirations, including current or future employment. (Limit to 600 words or less)

**All required materials must be uploaded at one time through the Google Form linked below.**

**[Submit Full Application](https://forms.gle/H4PxS94r6DubrrZg6) or <https://forms.gle/H4PxS94r6DubrrZg6>**



Submissions must be received no later than Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 11:59 PM