

Admission Process



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Do all boys board full-time?

All boys except 3rd graders board full-time during the school year. There are regular extended school breaks throughout the year when the boys go home, as well as free time on weekends when parents may visit with their sons.

Who may apply?

Within 50 miles of New York City

Boys who live within a fifty-mile radius may apply as early as 2nd or 3rd grade for admission to the 3rd grade. (Third-graders do not board full-time; they go home on Friday afternoons and return Sunday evening.)

Across the USA

Boys from across the country in 3rd grade through December of 5th grade are invited to pursue admission to 4th and 5th grades.

When are applications due?

Boys may apply at any time during the year; we have rolling admissions.

How difficult is it to be accepted?

Admission depends on many factors: musical, social, and academic. We are looking for boys who enjoy singing and music, who have a lively curiosity, and who love learning. Saint Thomas boys come from many different backgrounds, and have a wide range of personalities, but all share a dedication to excellence together – in choir, in class, in sports, and as friends. Above all, we're looking for vocal potential. Any interested boy is encouraged to inquire, even if he hasn't had formal musical training.

Generally it is much easier to join us in 3rd or 4th grade; the older the boy, the more stringent the expectations. We encourage families to contact us as soon as they are thinking of Saint Thomas.

Do you accept international students?

International students may apply. An international student must have a legal guardian living in the United States, and it is expected that the boy will stay with us through 8th grade.

How do I apply?

There are three steps in the admissions process; the School Visit, the Application, and the Overnight Audition.

1: School Visit

School Visits are scheduled on days when the Choir School is in session and typically begin with a tour of the school. The student will have a Vocal Evaluation with the Director of Music (or an associate), and then join his peers while his parents speak with a member of the staff. To arrange a visit, please, email admissions@choirschool.org or call 212-247-3311, ext. 541.

Families are encouraged to return home and talk about their visit. Likewise, faculty and staff consider whether the student is ready to apply, or in some instances, if further vocal preparation is recommended. The Director of Admissions will contact you to notify you of the school's decision and if appropriate, to invite the student to the next scheduled Overnight Audition.

2: Application

Boys invited to continue with the application process will receive the application paperwork from the Director of Admissions. This includes:

- Application Form filled out by the parent(s).
- Student Evaluation from the current classroom teacher. Parents should provide the teacher's email address, to which the Director of Admissions will send the form.
- Student Evaluation from another teacher/leader who knows your son in an instructional setting.

Please provide an email address to which the Director of Admissions will send the form.
School Records

Parents complete the form and present it to their son's current school. A complete file, including grade reports, comments, testing and evaluations are to be included. The file should be mailed or emailed to the Admissions Office at the Choir School.



3: Overnight Audition

Students arrive on Thursday after lunch and are immersed in the Choir School's schedule through Saturday morning. During this time, they join rehearsals, participate in sports, sleep in the dormitories, attend classes with their peers, and take academic testing. On Saturday morning the visiting boys go to the choir rehearsal and then sing a final vocal audition for the Director of Music. Parents are invited to attend a Q and A session with members of the Choir School staff.

Notification of Admission Decision

The Director of Admissions will contact the family within a week to notify them of the admission decision. A letter of confirmation from the Headmaster will also be mailed.

Confidentiality Statement

All families who participate in the admission process do so in confidence. In order to protect their privacy, families may only communicate (aside from in-person visits) with the Headmaster, Director of Admissions or Office Manager until a student has matriculated.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

The Choir School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and other school-administered programs.