

## Auditioning for SSYC:

Auditions are made by appointment held in the spring, winter, and the end of summer each year. The audition itself is a short one-on-one time with one of our directors to assess their basic music knowledge and aptitude. Some musical exercises include:

- Echo a rhythmic clapping pattern
- Echo a melodic sing pattern
- Sing, "Happy Birthday," "Silent Night," or "America" (My Country Tis of Thee)

There is a follow-up meeting with the student's parents to review the expectations and responsibilities as a SSYC member. The director will then determine which choir appropriately fits their ability.



### Meet our Staff:

Chris de Leon, Executive Director

Mr. de Leon is a graduate of the University of Washington Music Department. He is currently choir director at Totem Middle School in Federal Way and has created and maintained a strong and successful choir program.

Megan Oberfield, Artistic Director

Ms. Oberfield is a highly experienced choir director and vocal instructor. She served as President of the Northwest Kodaly Educators as well as directs the Puget Sound Revels. She now teaches at Twin Lakes Elementary in Federal Way and directed at Kilo Middle School for many years prior.

## Rehearsal Schedule (begins late Sept)

Choir	Day	Time
Level 1 (Grade 3 to 5)	Mondays	4:45 to 6:30pm
Level 2 (Grade 5 to 7)	Wednesdays	4:45 to 6:30pm
Concert Choir (Grade 6 to 8)	Wednesdays	5:00 to 6:40pm
Academy Choir (Grade 8 to 12)	Mondays	5:00 to 6:40pm

All rehearsals are held at:  
**Federal Way United Methodist Church**  
29645 51st Avenue South Auburn, WA 98001

## Attendance

A consistent attendance record is required as a SSYC member. Strong attendance and promptness is key for the success of each student and the choir.

## Tuition

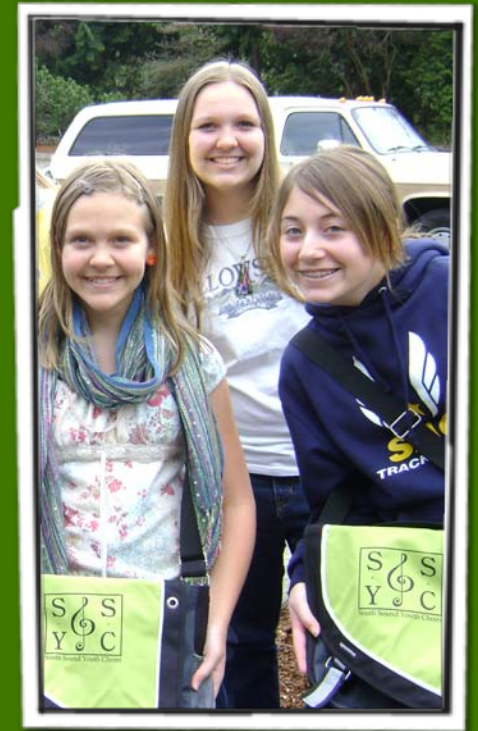
Tuition is \$45.00 per month (Oct to June) and due at the first rehearsal of each month. Tuition discounts are given to families with multiple children enrolled.

## Financial Aid

The SSYC provides many scholarship programs based on financial need. Families who can provide documentation of eligibility of Free or Reduced Lunch automatically receives financial aid. See "Tuition" from our website ([www.ssychoirs.org](http://www.ssychoirs.org)) for details.

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# South Sound Youth Choirs



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### Mission:

The South Sound Youth Choirs provides the highest quality music education for all young boys and girls through exciting musical instruction and performance opportunities.

Our vision is through music, students will build self-discipline, confidence, and creativity as well as empower them to be successful in music and in their own lives.

SSYC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and provides nearly 60% of its students with scholarships. The SSYC relies on community donations, grants, and fundraisers to cover its operational costs.



### SSYC Believes:

- \* Music education proves to have a powerful impact with the child's academic success and self-esteem.
- \* Great music education is important for a well-rounded childhood.
- \* Performing in a music ensemble builds pride, character, and leadership amongst its students.



### What Singers Can Expect from SSYC:

#### Chorus (Grade 3 to 5) Level 1

Our training choir provides a fun and rewarding first experience of being in a choir. Singers begin reading rhythm and melodic patterns based on the Kodaly's system. This choir performs twice a year.

#### Honor Choir (Grade 5 to 7) Level 2

The next level choir begins more difficult repertoire and student sing in two or more parts. Honor Choir students learn basic sight-reading skills as well as strengthen their vocal abilities. This choir performs twice a year.



#### Concert Choir (Grade 6 to 8) Level 3

In this auditioned choir, students begin to prepare themselves for entering the Academy Choir. Student fine tune their musicianship by working on advance music theory, and improving their sight-singing abilities. Most songs are in 3 parts and are in many foreign languages. The individual voice is strengthen through group vocal training and solo singing opportunities.

#### Academy Choir (Grade 8 to 12) Level 4

Students in this choir consist of our most musically accomplished students. They perform throughout the year and at many different venues. Nearly all students are proficient music readers and self-sufficient musicians. Academy students will also participate in national and international concert tours.

