



**2009
YOUTH ACTIVITIES GRANTS PROGRAM**

Overview

The Youth Activities Grants Program is designed to support the youth chorus members of GALA Choruses and youth outreach activities of the adult member choruses. It is the intention of GALA Choruses to fund projects and activities that serve the vision, mission and organizational values of the association. We believe:

- In the power of music to change lives.
- That there is unity in diversity, that the diversity of our membership strengthens us all, and that all people are welcome to the stage.
- That we can sing together with respect and understanding, and in so doing, offer community, hope, inspiration and healing.
- That every time a member chorus of GALA Choruses sings, the chorus commits a political act.
- That GALA Choruses can assist in strengthening and inspiring our member choruses.
- That striving for musical excellence strengthens the GLBT choral movement.

In awarding grants, GALA Choruses endeavors to ensure a balance between men's, mixed, women's and youth choruses. Applicants are expected to address the criteria used for project selection and demonstrate how the project is reflective of GALA Choruses' vision, mission and organizational values. Additional weight will be given to applications from consortia of choruses that intend to pursue a joint youth project because these projects advance cooperation between member choruses.

Funding Levels

GALA Choruses has two youth-related programs. Program 1 is open only to youth choruses and is available in amounts from \$500 - \$2500. Proposals under Program 1 can request funding for either a specific project or for general operating support. Program 2 is open to adult choruses and is available in

amounts from \$500 - \$2,500. Proposals under Program 2 must be related to a youth outreach project. Choruses can apply under only one program in any given year.

All applicants should describe the contingency plan for funding the project if less than the full amount requested from GALA Choruses is awarded.



Eligibility

In order to apply, each applicant must demonstrate that they:

1. Are a member chorus in good standing of GALA Choruses;
2. Are prepared to execute the project by June 30, 2010; and
3. For adult choruses, have not received a Youth Activities Grant from GALA Choruses within the past two years.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is June 1, 2009

Proposal Guidelines

An electronic copy of the completed proposal must be received by GALA Choruses by June 1, 2009. Submissions should be emailed to info@galachoruses.org. ***Paper copies will not be accepted.*** The application must contain the following information in the order listed below:

1. Chorus(es) name(s), primary contact person, address, and phone number for each chorus included on the application;
2. The program under which the chorus is applying and the total cost of the project or operating support (youth choruses only) requested;
3. The amount requested from GALA Choruses;
4. A brief description of the project which includes the following:
 - A description of the proposed project activities;
 - The significance of the project to the chorus(es) (why the chorus(es) is/are engaging in the project);
 - What the goals are for the project, and what impact it is anticipated to have);
 - A statement regarding how the work will reflect GALA Choruses' vision, mission, and organizational values;
 - Anticipated date(s) of the project completion;
 - A budget for the project.



For youth choruses requesting general operating support please describe your planned activities for the season to which the funds will be applied.

5. A statement describing the contingency plan for funding the project if less than the full amount requested from GALA Choruses is awarded;
6. For adult choruses, a statement that each chorus included on the application has not received a Youth Activities Grant from GALA Choruses within the past two years;
7. Attachments:
 - *A history of the chorus(es) (not to exceed one page each);*
 - *An audit or financial statement signed by the treasurer for the most recently completed fiscal year for each chorus included in the application;*
 - *A copy of the groups 501 (c) (3) determination letter*

Reporting Requirements

For those applications which are granted, GALA Choruses will remit payment upon receipt of a signed project support agreement form.

Timeline

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| June 1, 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal due |
| July 31, 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant awards announced. Funding will be provided upon receipt of signed project support agreement form |
| July 31, 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project completion and reporting deadline. Report requirements will include a final accounting for project revenues and expenditures, description of project activities completed and evaluation of success in achieving projected outcomes. |