



Mission Statement

We exist to provide a wholesome refuge where music can restore hope, boost confidence, accelerate healing, build friendships, and inspire excellence.

Amplify! Performer Contract

Being a member of Amplify! indicates you are willing to dedicate a good portion of your time and talents to the group's success. If any of the following points will be difficult to fulfill, please speak to a director or board member before joining to be sure this is the right fit for you.

1. Qualifications to Join:

- a. Performers must be 13 years old by September 30th or older of their first Fall season.
- b. Performers are required to uphold the **Code of Conduct** in all activities associated with Tri-City Youth Choir.

Code of Conduct:

1. I will be honest, respectful and polite (which includes not insulting, criticizing or putting others down, even joking).
2. I will pay attention to and follow instructions from the directors, choreographers, or others addressing the group.
3. I will not use crude, vulgar or offensive language, or participate in backbiting or gossip.
4. I will not consume tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or other addictive substances.
5. I will ensure my dress and appearance is neat, clean, and modest (i.e. no short shorts/skirts, tank tops, shirts that do not cover the stomach or are too low in front, or clothing with crude messages).
6. I will not adopt any extremes in hairstyles or appearance.
7. I will not engage in overly affectionate behavior or pair off while at any TCYC location, including rehearsals, events, or performances.
8. I will not enter the dressing rooms/areas of opposite genders.
9. *Sexual misconduct in any form will not be tolerated. This includes and is not limited to: remarks, gestures, stalking, sexual harassment, dating/domestic violence, and sexual assault.
10. Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may lead to dismissal from Amplify!

**Sexual Misconduct reported by a cast member, director, parent, or other TCYC support person, should be referred directly and immediately to the TCYC Board President. TCYC will take prompt and effective steps, reasonably calculated to end sexual harassment and sexual violence that creates a sexually hostile environment (such as separating the parties or terminated participation). The board will work directly with the involved parties to resolve the issue and establish appropriate consequences including contacting legal authorities when appropriately required by law. Being a victim of sexual misconduct is never considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.*

2. Rehearsal Expectations:

- b. Tardiness: All class time is valuable. Please arrive at least five minutes before class so we can get started on time with everyone present.

- d. Cell phone use is **NOT permitted** during rehearsals. Please silence and put them away until the end of rehearsal.
- e. Rehearsal clothing should be easy to move in and cover the shoulders and cover the legs down to mid-thigh/knee without gaps. Please plan accordingly when coming from other events where attire may not meet these expectations. When in doubt, err on the side of modesty.

3. Behavior Issues:

- a. If your behavior is distracting, disruptive, not on task, or otherwise inappropriate, you will be asked to step out of rehearsal until you are ready to contribute and stay on task during rehearsal. *Consistent behavior issues will result in potential dismissal from the group.*
- b. TCYC further reserves the right to dismiss any individual that obstructs an uplifting learning environment or is disrespectful.

4. Rehearsal Schedule:

- a. Rehearsal is held every Thursday evening throughout the season with the exception of holidays and spring break.
- b. Every rehearsal starts and ends with prayer. TCYC is a nondenominational Christ-centered group and the prayer may be offered by a performer belonging to any religious faith. It is not a requirement to participate in any activity that you deem religious, but you are required to be respectful of those who choose to participate in such activities.
- c. Body or vocal warm-ups are conducted immediately at start-time in preparation for the rehearsal to follow. This is important for proper preparation and should NOT be considered "okay to miss."
- d. After rehearsal ends, an adult will stay present for 15 minutes. After that point, performers need to vacate rehearsal locations, including the parking lot.

6. Performance Expectations:

Once these dates are announced, please make every effort to participate. If you know you will be absent for any of the dates, please let your directors know.

- a. **Dress Rehearsal**
 - ii. (Tech Week) This is a one hour dress rehearsal on stage at our show venue.
- b. **Show Performances**
 - i. Amplify will perform as an opener to Forte Show Choir. These generally occur on Friday, Saturday, and Monday.
- c. **Extra Performances**
 - i. Small Venue (parade, or elementary school)
 - ii. Retirement Home or Assisted Living residence

7. Communication and Policy Disclosure:

- a. Generally, all communication this season will be through the **BAND APP**. Please ensure you check that regularly for important updates and information. Non-urgent information will also be communicated via email as needed.
- b. Any other communication can be made to the Artistic Director at: tcyc.amplifydirector@gmail.com or the board at: tcyc.board@gmail.com.
- c. TCYC governing documents, including TCYC Constitution and Policies and Procedures, are available upon request to a current TCYC Board member.

Amplify! Parent/Guardian Expectations and Responsibilities

Amplify! success **depends** on the efforts of parent volunteers, as there are not sufficient paid directors or volunteer board members to do all the work necessary. Parent/guardian involvement is essential to help promote the mission of TCYC and the achievement of a professional and uplifting show for our community. As a parent/guardian, we would appreciate your support in the following ways:

1. Parent/Guardian Participation Responsibilities:

- a. Parents/guardians are asked to sign up for a committee that helps support the show. These include: *Marketing, Fundraising, Hospitality, Community Outreach, and Costuming.*
- b. In order to keep appropriate balance across committees, parents/guardians will number their top three choices in preference order and the board will then assign committee groups according to preference and help needed.
- c. Parents/guardians will receive their committee assignment at the start of the season and will participate in committee meetings throughout the season as needed.
- d. Committee members are encouraged to provide a summary of their involvement and suggestions to help improve the committee assignments for the next season.

Board positions are always coming open, if you feel inclined to support this and other TCYC activities on a board, please let the board know.

See the Release Form on the page below



Amplify! Parental/Guardian and Performer Permission Agreement

Liability and Media Release

- I, parent and performer give permission for my child/me to appear in media, including but not limited to, print, TCYC advertising and internet sites, photos, videos and TV. Notice of any exceptions must be given to the TCYC Board of Directors at time of audition, or permission is automatically granted for all media for the entirety of the season. It is understood that restricting media permission may limit cast members' participation
- Parents/Performers understand and agree: Amplify!/TCYC nor its board, teachers, directors, staff or volunteers shall not be liable for any injuries sustained by performers, their families, guests, or others in this organization's facilities, or in any activities of this organization's which may occur outside their facilities, now or in the future. I, as a parent/performer, understand that inherent in any performing arts training, there are risks and I/we assume all risks incidental to all activities of these organizations. **Choreography outside of basic dance movements, such as; stunts, flips, or gymnastic moves, requires additional parent consent.* Additionally, in the event of an emergency, every attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian. However, by enrolling, I, as a parent, give permission for any emergency medical treatment deemed necessary for my performer.
- I am fully and personally responsible for my child(ren)'s safety and actions while and during participation and I recognize that he/she/they may be at risk of contracting COVID-19.
- With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby release, waive, discharge Amplify!/TCYC, its board, officers, independent contractors, affiliates, employees, representatives, successors, and assigns from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by my child(ren) related to COVID-19 while participating in any activity while in, on, or around the premises or while using the facilities that may lead to unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.
- I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Amplify!/TCYC from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, lawsuits, and/or liabilities or claims arising whether directly or indirectly from or related to any and all claims made by or against any of the released party due to injury, loss, or death from or related to COVID-19.