



Guidelines for Membership

The Suncook Valley Chorale has always been a non-auditioned chorus, and we continue to grow in the depth of our musical ability and the breadth of our repertoire. We 'Sing for Joy' and welcome members from age 16 to 106, and we take our Joy seriously! **All members of the Chorale are asked to meet the following expectations.**

Learn your music. Members should be able to blend their voices with the group, sing on pitch, and be able to follow changes in rhythm, pitch, etc. Practice between rehearsals. Sectionals are scheduled before regular Monday rehearsals, take advantage and attend as many as you can!

Attend scheduled rehearsals. On average we have 14 regular Monday rehearsals between the start of a semester and concert night. Commitment to attending these rehearsals is necessary to ensure that we put on the best performance we can. Please try to miss as few rehearsals as possible and be sure to let your section leader know in advance about planned absences.

Be Safe, Respectful and Responsible. As a following note to rehearsal attendance: The world has changed a lot since 2020 and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Singing in a Chorale is an activity with high risk for transmitting respiratory illness of any kind. If you are not feeling well - especially with coughing or a fever - please be responsible for the health and safety of your fellow singers, and stay home. Let your section leader know why you are missing. Please see <https://www.svcnh.org/get-involved> for more detail on our Covid-19 Safety policies.

Pay the Chorale dues each term. Chorale dues are \$60.00 per semester. There are partial and full scholarships available for members who would find this a financial hardship. Email membership@svcnh.org for more information. These dues pay for everything from our concert venue and sheet music, to organizational costs, not to mention our Director and Accompanist wages.

Help in our fundraising efforts. All Chorale members are expected to participate in the organization's fundraising efforts. As a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, we depend on several sources of income to meet our operating budget: member dues, concert ticket sales, Advertising Sales Campaign, and donations.

Help with rehearsal and concert logistics. The Chorale is run by its volunteer members. We ask each member to help on occasion with preparations for rehearsals and concerts from setting up chairs and risers to bringing snacks. Many hands make light work!

Photos and Promotional materials. At times SVC will bring in photographers or local news representatives to assist with our advertising and member recruitment. We will do our best to let you know if and when those folks will be present at rehearsals and concerts. If you are in the room at the time of photos or recording we will assume that you are willing to have that photo shared on social media and our website. For questions about this please contact the Board.

What you can expect from Suncook Valley Chorale:

- Online rehearsal tools available at www.svcnh.org
- Information on our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/SuncookValleyChorale](https://www.facebook.com/SuncookValleyChorale)
- The opportunity to make new friends, sing challenging music, participate in a supportive atmosphere, and fun! Thank you for joining the Suncook Valley Chorale!