

West London Chorus Choral Scholarships 2024-25

West London Chorus, a Choral Society previously known as Chiswick Choir, is pleased to continue with its successful programme of inviting singers to apply for an Alto choral scholarship in 2024-25. We sing a variety of choral music from the 16th century to music by living composers, and are committed to achieving the highest musical standards in a relaxed and social environment. The choir has an auditioned membership of approximately 90 singers drawn from the London area.

Our choral scholarships are ideal for aspiring and young professional singers who wish to develop their choral singing, sight-reading and musicianship skills. The scholarships are open to singers aged 18-35, or students in full or part time music education. An annual stipend of £1,000 will be paid to each scholar across three terms.

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- attend a minimum of 75% of weekly rehearsals, providing confident and skilled support. Further missed rehearsals are subject to agreement with our MD and may result in a reduced stipend for the term. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings 7:45 – 9:45pm in term time, currently at St Michael’s Church, Elmwood Road W4 3DZ
- attend all concerts during the year
- participate in other musical events in the choir calendar where able
- take an active role with social media for the ensemble

- prepare for rehearsals, in order to take a leading role

In return, the scholar will receive the following benefits:

- occasional solo opportunities in performances, dependent on repertoire
- coaching from the MD
- chance to lead warm-ups if desired
- annual stipend of £1,000 paid at the end of each term (£350 autumn, £325 after Spring and Summer terms)
- free music hire for the year
- two complimentary tickets for each concert

Scholars are appointed for a year, although there may be opportunity to stay on for an additional year by re-applying

Application Process

Completed application forms should be sent with a CV and the name of a referee to: sheila.richards88@gmail.com

The application deadline is 30/09/24

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Sheila Richards and invited to an audition and informal chat. The audition will be on a Tuesday before the start of rehearsals in St Michael's Church W4 3DZ

Audition

Candidates will be asked to sing a prepared piece of their own choice, and to undertake some sight-reading and ear tests. Our accompanist will be present.

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