



NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Albuquerque Girl Choir (AGC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board of Directors recruits members, raises funds, determines tuition and fees, sets policy, and hires qualified professional music directors and accompanists. The Board is open to any parent or member of the community interested in helping to manage the choir. The Bylaws require a minimum of 3 members and no more than 7.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are held Thursdays at First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust St NE, Albuquerque.

Main Choir- 5:00 - 6:00 PM

- The Main Choir welcomes girls in grades 2–12 and serves as the heart of the Albuquerque Girl Choir program. Choir members build strong musical skills and foundational knowledge through vocal training, music reading, and ensemble work. The repertoire includes unison and two-part music, with selections drawn from a variety of cultures and traditions. This choir fosters a love of singing, teamwork, and musical growth in a supportive and engaging environment.

Advanced Choir-5:30 - 6:45 PM

- The Advanced Choir is an auditioned ensemble for students in grades 4–12, offering a challenging and enriching experience for developing musicians. Singers focus on advanced vocal technique, music theory, and performance skills while exploring a diverse and sophisticated repertoire. This choir provides opportunities for artistic growth, leadership, and high-level ensemble singing.
- Auditions will be held after rehearsal on **January 22, 2026**. The only song girls need to come prepared with is the “Happy Birthday” song.

Parents are not required to stay during rehearsals but, we do ask that the **girls get picked up inside the church and on time for safety**. Please contact the director through the band app if you’re running late.

Rehearsals culminate with a snack and socialization. Each week an AGC Family provides snacks for the girls during Thursday rehearsal. Please sign-up for a snack week! Snack Sign-Up is located at the AGC Website in the Member’s Tab, under the Snacks Link. This family will be in charge of setting up snack for that week and cleaning up snack and community areas.

Additional rehearsals are scheduled occasionally to prepare for performances. AGC will not practice if ABQ Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather. AGC will not practice during Spring Break.



ALBUQUERQUE GIRL CHOIR ATTENDANCE POLICY

Consistent attendance is essential to each singer's growth and to the success of the ensemble. Singers are allowed up to **three unexcused absences** per semester. After the third unexcused absence, **participation in the final concert will be at the discretion of the director**.

Excused absences must be communicated **in advance** via **direct message on the BAND app**. Failure to notify the director in this manner may result in the absence being marked as unexcused.

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition per semester:

New Members-\$342 (Price includes Season Registration Fee, AGC Pink Shirt and Black Hoodie)

Returning Members \$300 (Price includes Registration Fee only)

Uniform costs are formal dress (~\$30)

To help save costs, we do offer:

- Scholarships – 50% off registration only(not AGC Pink Shirt and Black Hoodie) .
- 20% discount per child for multiple children in the same family(Sibling discount for registration fee only, not AGC Pink Shirt and Black Hoodie).

Please speak to a board member directly and by email to arrange a sibling discount and to discuss scholarships. All scholarship requests, discounts, and AGC registrations are due **Sunday, January 25**, so that the Board can budget and forecast accordingly for the term.

PERFORMANCES (WHERE OUR HARD WORK PAYS OFF!)

Because performance is part of our mission, we strive to schedule 3-4 performances per semester. Each term culminates with a formal performance. Past performances have been at the Lobo Basketball games, ABQ Botanical Garden's River of Lights, Balloon Fiesta, Isotopes and United games, as well as frequent visits to local retirement centers. The choir will sometimes perform with other music groups such as the Durango Children's Choir, ABQ Boy Choir, and the ABQ Youth Symphony. The performance schedule is updated on the Events page of our website and on the AGC Band App and parents are also notified as dates are firmed up.

If your child is not able to regularly rehearse, they are not guaranteed the right to perform. **If your child has not been able to attend rehearsals leading up to a performance or has THREE or more unexcused absences, please check in with the Choir Director to determine if they are ready to perform.**



COMMUNICATION

Information will be shared with parents both through the BAND app as well as through our website. Friday newsletters, important messages, and last-minute changes will be announced on the BAND app. Parents and/or girls will need access to the app. **The website will have our most up to date schedule and other critical information.**

Board members and the directors are available to answer any questions or receive parent feedback.

Please like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/albuquerquegirlchoir. Scan to like the AGC Facebook page



BAND APP

Once you have registered your singer, download the BAND app and you will be invited to join the AGC group.

Scan to download the BAND app



VOLUNTEERS (WE NEED YOU!)

The Music Directors and Accompanist are the only paid positions. Other operational costs include advertising, insurance, webpage, and supplies.

To keep expenses as low as possible, AGC relies heavily on parents to contribute time and talent. We ask all families to volunteer in some way each session. Signups and information about volunteer opportunities will be shared throughout the sessions.

If there is a need for additional funds beyond what is available through tuition and grants, the choir may conduct fundraisers. These will be announced and coordinated on an “as needed” basis. All choir members are expected to help with these events.



UNIFORM INFORMATION

*We want all AGC girls to be able to participate. Please contact any member of the AGC Board if you need financial assistance purchasing uniforms.

AGC has two uniforms, formal and informal.

- **Informal concert dress:**

- AGC Pink Shirt
- Solid jeans (no holes)
- Closed-toed shoes

A current AGC Pink performance shirt must be purchased at the time of registration. This will help us ensure that all girls are ready to perform, should a performance come available.

- **Formal concert dress:**

- Solid Black Dress
 - Must be floor length
 - Sleeves that cover the shoulder (short or long-sleeve, NO tank tops or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves)
- Solid Black Closed-Toed Dress Shoes

Below are AGC's cost-friendly Amazon dresses for formal performances.

GORLYA Girl's Short Sleeve Floral Print Loose Casual Long Maxi Dress with Pockets 4-12 Years



Short Sleeve Link:

<https://a.co/d/835GCrS>

Long Sleeve Link:

<https://a.co/d/83pqLyy>

AUSELILY Women's Short Sleeve Loose Plain Casual Long Maxi Dresses for Women 2025



Short Sleeve Link:

<https://a.co/d/fvNPm42>

Long Sleeve Link:

<https://a.co/d/j3S6bqz>



BIG SISTER / LITTLE SISTER

Every semester, each student is paired with another student within the choir to become Big Sisters and Little Sisters. Over the semester, the girls will spend time together at AGC rehearsal, AGC events, and they will bring a small gift for their “sister” once a month. At the end of the semester, we will hold a gift exchange for “sisters” to exchange a larger gift.

Big Sister / Little Sister Gift Dates

February 19th - Small Gift

March 19th - Small Gift

April 9th - Small Gift

May 14th - Gift Exchange

The following form asks questions about your students favorite things. Each student will receive their “sister’s” form to learn more about them and to use when purchasing their gifts.

*We want all AGC girls to be able to participate. Please contact any member of the AGC Board if you need financial assistance for Big Sister / Little Sister.

Please fill out the form on the following page and return to the board or the director no later than January 29th.



Big Sister / Little Sister Form

Singer's Name: _____

Singer's Age: _____

Favorite Color: _____

Favorite Animal: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Snack: _____

Favorite Store: _____

Favorite Type of Toy: _____

Favorite Flower: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Favorite Place to get a giftcard from? _____

What do you do for fun? _____

Favorite Type of Craft: _____

Favorite Movie/TV Show: _____

Something Special You Should Know About Me:

Anything Else You'd Like Your Big / Little to Know:
