



July 1, 2018

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## Bishop's Confidential Recommendation for Mormon Tabernacle Choir Audition

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Bishop,

The member of your ward named above is applying to become a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. A critical part of the application package is your *confidential* recommendation. Please complete the attached form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back flap. **The applicant must have his or her completed application package, including this form, postmarked by August 15, 2018, so your prompt attention is appreciated.**

Candidates must satisfactorily meet the following requirements:

1. Is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in good standing and able to qualify for a temple recommend.
2. Is between 25 and 55 years of age on or before April 30, 2019, when Choir service would begin. Mandatory retirement occurs at age 60 or after 20 years of service.
3. Is currently residing within 100 miles of Temple Square. **Applications will not be accepted from anyone not currently residing within the required area, regardless of current or future plans to move to the area.** We strongly discourage applicants from moving to the area for the purpose of auditioning for the Choir.
4. Is able to commit to maintaining the required levels of attendance while still being able to take care of all family and work responsibilities. Choir membership will mean 10 to 20 hours of participation per week depending on the projects and schedules. Please consider the applicant's current family and employment needs, as well as future needs.
5. Is in good health to permit consistent participation in long rehearsals, demanding travel, and other performance-related requirements. Please be realistic about any chronic health conditions currently experienced by the applicant such as heart or lung health, joint health, or weight-related issues that would impact the applicant's ability to walk long distances, stand for extended periods, be accommodated in available performance attire, or travel in standard seating.
6. Has auditioned not more than two times in the past. Applicants are limited to a total of three applications over their years of age eligibility.

Members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir are called and set apart as musical missionaries by authority of the First Presidency of the Church through the Choir President. This call becomes the individual's principal Church calling and precludes other service in the ward except as a

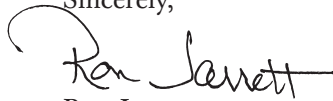
ministering brother or sister. We encourage Choir members to be active in their own wards, to attend their meetings, to participate in activities that do not conflict with rehearsal and performance schedules, and to keep their lives in harmony with the teachings of the gospel.

To evaluate this application for membership in the Choir, we ask that you consider if the applicant meets the following requirements for membership:

1. Observes the principles of the gospel in his or her personal life
2. Is an active member in his or her ward
3. Has no conflict between family responsibilities and Choir membership
4. Meets health requirements
5. Is a temple-worthy representative of the Church
6. Currently resides within 100 miles of Temple Square
7. Can otherwise accept what the First Presidency considers a missionary calling

You may wish to interview the Choir member (and spouse) to ensure unified support of this potential call to missionary service in the Choir. Let me assure you that your response will be held in confidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Jarrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ron Jarrett

*President*

**BISHOP'S CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR MORMON TABERNACLE  
CHOIR AUDITION**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant named above follows the principles required for membership in the Mormon  
Tabernacle Choir.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bishop's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bishop's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Stake: \_\_\_\_\_