

WKHQ (106 KHQ) Holiday Choir Competition Contest Rules and Info – 2025

1. This contest is open to any school in the 106 KHQ coverage area, defined by the coverage map published by the FCC at radio-locator.com. If you can hear KHQ where you live and work, you can submit! We only accept submissions from school affiliated choirs and classrooms, to ensure fairness.

2. 106 KHQ will give Kindergarten through 12th grade school choirs in the Up North area a chance to claim the title as KHQ's Holiday Choir Competition winner.

DIVISION I: Kindergarten – 8th grade

DIVISION II: 9th – 12th grade

3. PRIZES: Each Division receives the following prizes:

1st Place: \$1,000 Cash Prize, Winning Submission featured live on 106 KHQ and at 106khq.com, post on the 106 KHQ Facebook page, and inclusion in the 106 KHQ Christmas Concert On Air

4. SUBMISSION INFORMATION: Now through December 14th, 2024 at 11:59:59pm. School choirs are responsible for submitting their entries. Each entry must include one (1) Holiday song recorded on common audio file such as an .mp3 or .wav and include the lead representative's name, school, contact information, and details on the choir, including their level. Desired length for song submission is two minutes or less. If a longer song is submitted, WKHQ reserves the right to edit the song length to fit programming needs. The representative submitting the entry is responsible for having received previous written permission from all performers or from a parent or legal guardian if the performer is less than 18 years of age. By submitting an entry, the representative acknowledges that the school has secured applicable licensing for their use of the submitted song.

5. One entry per choir, singing group, or performance unit. Realizing that schools may have multiple choirs based on grade level and size, multiple entries may be submitted from an individual school. Submissions will be placed in either Division I (Kindergarten – 8th grade) or Division II (9th grade – 12th grade). Only one choir from an individual school can advance to the finals of the competition, regardless of division submitted. All submissions must include students from the current school year. Each entry must be submitted separately via mail, online at 106KHQ.com, via email, or dropped off at the KHQ studios in either Traverse City, Petoskey, or Cadillac. Entry deadline is December 15th at midnight. Physical and email addresses available on the Holiday Choir page at 106KHQ.com.

6. Each entry will be judged for professional sound and performance quality. Choirs will be selected by 106 KHQ judges to participate in the competition's finals. Importantly, recordings should not be modified or enhanced by any audio or video technology. We just want to hear your choirs how they would sound if performing for an audience!

7. FINALIST INFORMATION: Each choir selected to be in the competition will receive airplay of their entry on 106 KHQ and compete against other choir(s) for votes. Votes will be taken and tabulated online at 106KHQ.com. The choir which receives the most votes during the voting period is announced as the winner.

8. VOTING PROCESS:

December 15th – 18th. The number of finalists will depend on the number of submissions. Winners announced on Friday, December 19th

9. VOTING RULES:

A.) Log on to 106KHQ.com and click on the Holiday Choir link to vote for your favorite school choir. You will be presented with your options and will be able to stream the submissions submitted by each choir.

B.) For both divisions' finals, the school choir receiving the most eligible votes on 106KHQ.com will win the 1st Place prize above.

10. 106 KHQ is not responsible for inability to enter or vote on the station's website due to technical difficulties. Prize will not be awarded to any individual(s) but will be awarded to the legal school district or organization operating the winning school. Prize cannot be transferred or substituted.

11. 106 KHQ is not responsible if the Contest cannot take place or if the Prize cannot be awarded due to delays or interruptions due to acts of God, acts of war, natural disasters, weather or acts of terrorism.

12. 106 KHQ reserves the right to terminate the contest or permanently disqualify any person believed to have intentionally violated these official rules. Any attempt to deliberately damage the contest or the operation thereof is unlawful and subject to legal action by WKHQ, who may seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law. 106 KHQ reserves the right to cancel, suspend or modify the contest or any element thereof (including, without limitation, these official rules) without notice in any manner and for any reason (including, without limitation, in the event of any unanticipated occurrence that is not fully addressed in these Official Rules)

13. In the event of cancellation, modification or suspension, 106 KHQ reserves the right to select a finalist and/or grand prize winner, as applicable, and award all remaining prizes at our sole discretion from among all eligible, non-suspect entries received prior to the time of the event warranting such cancellation, modification or suspension based on the judging criteria described above.

14. Contest is open to all Kindergarten through 12th grade public or private schools accredited by the State of Michigan in the 106 KHQ coverage area, as defined by the WKHQ coverage map available online at radio-locator.com or MacDonaldGarberBroadcasting.com

15. Schools that are attended by or that employ the immediate families of the owners and principals of SPONSORS are ineligible to win. This rule also applies to 106 KHQ and SPONSOR employees and their immediate families. Immediate family will include spouse, children, grandchildren, brother, sister. Schools meeting these criteria would be ineligible to participate in the 106 KHQ Holiday Choir Competition for eligibility reasons

16. Chances of winning will be determined by the number of entries received and votes received and are not possible to calculate at this time.

17. 106 KHQ retains sole and exclusive possession and retains all rights to use any performance entry, or any part thereof, indefinitely in any promotions including but not limited to on-air usage. The aforementioned stipulations apply to all winning and non-winning entries. By entering the contest, entrants grant 106 KHQ the non-exclusive, royalty free and irrevocable right to use, reproduce, copy, publish, display, distribute, perform, translate, adapt, modify, edit (including for length) the entry and incorporate it in other works in any and all markets, media now hereafter known worldwide in perpetuity without additional compensation, notification, permission or approval.

18. 106 KHQ and participating sponsors are not responsible for costs associated with submitting any entry or any costs or taxes arising out of participating in the contest or failure to adhere to official contest rules.

19. 106 KHQ and participating sponsors are not responsible for any injury incurred during the performance of any entry; nor are they responsible for failure of any individual or organization's failure to submit entries in the required manner.