

# ELGIN YOUTH CHOIR

## VIRTUAL CHOIR RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

### Recording Instructions your Official Elgin Idol Video Submission:

#### 1. Camera

- a. Choose a device with the clearest/highest camera quality. This will usually be a cell phone, tablet, but a laptop/desktop will also work.
- b. Video must be horizontal (widescreen).
- c. The audience should be able to see your shoulders, neck, and head while performing. Stay close to the camera so the audience can see you.
- d. **Lighting:** Make sure your face is well illuminated. Avoid any windows or sources of light behind you because they will darken your face.

#### 2. Audio

- a. Using a cell phone or tablet will give the best audio.
- b. If you have an external microphone, I recommend you use that to boost audio quality, but do not use any audio software to edit or adjust your performance.
- c. Use a device to play the music track (from the webpage) into headphones that you will wear while singing. **\*\*Videos should only be of your voice, not the accompaniment recording. Make sure you use headphone, airpods, etc.**
- d. **Recommended:** Practice recording yourself singing with the accompaniment. Submit your best recorded performance.

#### 3. Clothing

- a. Examples of inappropriate clothing:
  - i. Named labels and brands (Adidas, Nike, Pink, etc.)
  - ii. Anything with questionable images of violent or sexual references
- b. Examples of appropriate clothing:
  - i. Dress up (dress, suit, tie)
  - ii. School spirit wear
  - iii. Regular school clothes
- c. Hair
  - i. Make sure your hair is pulled away so the audience can see your face

#### 4. Record, Record, Record

- a. You can record as many times as you need before you find the one you feel showcases your ability the best and is accurate to the piece.

#### 5. Reminders/Warnings about Editing

- a. DO NOT enhance your video or audio in post production.
  - i. No visual camera filters
  - ii. No use of audio software to correct/adjust pitches or tone

**SUBMIT YOUR RECORDING BY JULY 1ST:** <https://forms.gle/LJqXUN2xZNCqPkdK6>