Printing Instructions: For your convenience and for clarity you may type in the fields below before printing. Signatures must be done by hand.

Highest Praise Application

Please print this form and mail completed application with $20 application fee to:
Highest Praise
OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
1111 North Main Street
Joplin, Missouri 68401

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cellphone _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Birth date _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____

Year of Graduation _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Polo Shirt size (ladies & men) _____

Ladies: Blouse Size _____ Skirt Size _____	Men: Shirt Size –Neck _____ Sleeve _____ Pants –Waist _____ Inseam _____

Home Church _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Minister _____ Office Phone _____

Auditioning for (Please select one)

Soprano / Alto / Tenor/ Bass/ Instrument _____

In the event of my son/daughter being chosen to participate with ***Highest Praise***, I will encourage him/her to fulfill the commitment made to Highest Praise and the Director. I recognize the importance of this decision to both Highest Praise and my son/daughter.

Parent's Signature _____

For OCC Office Use Only

__ Application
__ Application Fee
__ Testimony
__ Recommendation #1
__ Photograph
__ Audition CD
__ Musical Resume
__ Recommendation #2

Positions Open

Soprano	Piano	Trumpet	Keyboard
Alto	Drums	Trombone	Other Inst. considered
Tenor	Guitar	Alto Sax	
Bass	Bass Guitar	Tenor Sax	

General Instructions

Check your recording to make sure your solo is easily heard over the accompaniment. ***THIS IS IMPORTANT!*** Keep accompaniment soft. Label recording with your voice part or instrument only (no name). ***DO NOT TALK*** on the CD. If you wish to audition for more than one position, use a separate CD for each audition. To avoid unforeseen circumstances, make a duplicate copy of your recording before sending. Do your very best; over 100 applicants audition for 65 positions. For more information call 417.626.1234 (X2406).

Audition Procedure

Each applicant for Highest Praise must be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior during the 2015-2016 school year. To be considered, all of the application materials must be postmarked by January 25, 2016, and mailed to the Music Department of OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. Applications will not be considered until your file is complete.

The following items must be submitted for each application:

1. Application form and $20.00 (non-refundable) application fee, which will be applied toward tuition if you are accepted.
2. Written testimony of your personal relationship with Christ.
3. Two letters of recommendation: One from your minister and another from an elder or Sunday School teacher. Please include these with your application.
4. A recent wallet size photograph, which will not be returned.
5. A musical résumé indicating experience, part, instruments, and range.
6. Audition CD, which will not be returned. Please see "General Information" above and the information below about your recording.

Vocalists (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)

Audition must include:

1. Vocalization from the middle of your range to the bottom of your range, then from the middle of your range to the top of your range.
2. Two solos consisting of contrasting styles, with one verse and one chorus only.

Note: Those vocalists who have previously been accepted into Highest Praise need not send an audition CD unless they desire to change parts, but they must complete the rest of the application process. We do, however, reserve the right to request an audition CD at any time. All applicants will be evaluated yearly based on previous performance and the written materials provided in your application (résumé, testimony, recommendations).

Instrumentalists (Piano, Drums, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Trumpet, Trombone, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Keyboard, Auxiliary Percussion. Other instruments will be considered on an individual basis, so please call for more information.)

Audition must include:

1. Warm-up exercises demonstrating your range and technical versatility.
2. Two solo sections of contrasting tempos/styles, with piano accompaniment, demonstrating interpretation, dynamic range, tonal quality, and overall ability. (Please note: Emphasis for piano, bass guitar, and percussion auditions must include playing various musical styles plus improvisation - including the ability to play fills - as well as performing the written score.)

Note: Instrumentalists MUST audition yearly. This is vital in order for us to judge your level of improvement over the year, similar to being challenged for your chair. All applicants will be evaluated yearly based on previous performance and the written materials provided in your application (résumé, testimony, recommendations).

Tour Expense Information

1. Each member is responsible for his/her own transportation to and from Joplin.
2. Each member is responsible for $250 tuition to help cover the cost of room and board during Rehearsal Week.
3. Each member is responsible to purchase a modestly-priced tour outfit, approximately $125.
4. Each member is responsible for a room deposit of $20 and a music deposit of $20. These will be refunded pending a clean room, with return of key and return of music.
5. Each member is responsible for incurred expenses for lunches and an amusement park and/or water park on tour, approximately $175.

To schedule Highest Praise
for a concert at your church contact:

Highest Praise
Ozark Christian College
1111 North Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801
417.626.1234 (X2404)
Handley.Scott@OCC.edu

2016 Schedule:

January 25 (Monday)	Application Deadline
March 11 (Friday)	Notification of Acceptance
June 10 - 15 (Fri-Wed)	Rehearsal Week at OCC
June 16 - 26 (Thurs-Sun)	Highest Praise Tour
June 26 (Sunday)	7:00 PM Highest Praise Finale Concert OCC Chapel

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