

**Award Summary:** The Conducting Fellow award is designed to provide a practical, hands-on learning experience for new and aspiring choral conductors. Through one-on-one study with the Artistic Director and ample podium time with the Chorale in sectionals, rehearsals, and concerts, the successful Conducting Fellow will build confidence and expertise while honing their craft.

**Duties:**

- Assist, support, and report to the Artistic Director of the Vernon Chorale
- Conduct the Chorale during rehearsals in the absence of the Artistic Director
- Attend at least one Board Meeting during the contract period
- Conduct the Chorale during the December and April concerts at the discretion of the Artistic Director
- Craft programming and conduct the entire performance for the Chorale's annual June concert under the advisement of Artistic Director

**Skills and Competencies:**

- Possess, or desire to gain, the musical and leadership skills necessary for conducting an ensemble
- Have strong interpersonal and organizational skills
- Hold exceptional musicality
- Possess a strong drive to improve as a leader and conductor

**Compensation:** The Conducting Fellow is awarded \$1,000 per season.

**Application Materials:**

- Letter of Intent (Please include your personal and professional reasons for applying)
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation (optional)

Please email all required materials in PDF form by **May 1, 2026** to [fellow@vernonchorale.org](mailto:fellow@vernonchorale.org).  
Competitive applicants will be contacted to arrange an audition for **June 9, 2026**.

**Questions?** Please contact Steve Westerberg at 860-872-2813

***About the Vernon Chorale:** Established in 1980, the Vernon Chorale is a non-profit, 50-voice auditioned community choir that provides the highest quality choral music, sacred and secular, to the Greater Hartford area. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon CT culminating with three concerts: December, April, and June with extra rehearsals the week preceding each concert.*

*The Vernon Chorale welcomes and encourages those from all walks of life to audition.*

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