

2026 LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 12-15 COLUMBUS, OH

Shark Tank Information

The Shark Tank contest will be hosted on Saturday, February 14th during Symposium. Any member chorus with an annual budget less than \$300,000 is welcome to compete for the chance to receive a \$5,000 grant for a project that adds value to their chorus and community. This could be a commission, a tour, an outreach program, etc. (These are just examples, not limitations. The project scope is only limited by your creativity and needs.)

- The amount to be awarded to the winning group is \$5,000.00.
- Your project may cost more than \$5,000.00.
- Presentation time is 5 minutes per group.
- You may have one presenter or a group.
- You will have ample opportunity to rehearse before the actual presentation.
- There will be a group of judges who make the final decision. These are good folks who have contributed to GALA Choruses for years.
- Please fill out the attached application and send it in by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026**.

At Symposium 2026, in Columbus, there will be a gathering of all applicants to rehearse and receive feedback on their presentations on Saturday at 10:15am in the Shed Lounge, before the judges panel starts at 2:15pm. You will have the opportunity to fine tune and work through any “jitters”! At last year’s Symposium this turned out to be a fun, inspiring gathering with new friendships created and individual public speaking skills enhanced.

GALA Choruses wants this to be an enjoyable, low stress, creative opportunity. The application process is easy. There is help available with the application or any fine tuning you may desire. You only have to reach out. The hope is that all groups with a desire to receive funds for an experience outside your norm will apply.

Shark Tank Application

Name of Chorus:

Chorus Age:

Annual Budget:

Chorus Board Chair and Email:

Chorus Artistic Director and Email:

Chorus Address:

Chorus Email:

Project Name and Description:

Project Benefit to Chorus:

Does the project benefit others beyond the chorus? If so, whom? How?

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Project Total Cost:

(Keep it simple and straight forward. For example, if a commission is your project...)

Commissioning Fee: \$ _____

Travel for composer to attend premiere: \$ _____

Printing: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Is the Board of Directors committed to funding the project if the cost is more than \$5,000.00?

Project Presenter(s) at Symposium - if more than one please add ALL names and contact information:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**Please send the completed form, by February 9th, to:
evecampbell@att.net AND jcarrion@galachoruses.org**

For questions or assistance please contact:

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