

*Prospective Member*  
INFORMATION

Houston  
Tidelanders



*Glad you decided to visit us!*  
*Join us in song!*

**T**he Houston Tidelanders are happy that you've taken the time to visit us this evening. We hope you enjoy your time with us, and be sure to ask any questions that might not be covered in this information. We want you to be involved and engaged tonight!

The Tidelanders have been in existence for over 60 years, performing the unique four-part harmony style of music in the Houston area and throughout the USA. We are all members of the Barbershop Harmony Society which is 30,000 members strong. Our Society has expanded into other countries such as Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, South Africa, China, and Russia.



We are an active chapter, routinely participating in the Society's District and International competitions. Along with local annual events, the Tidelanders have an opportunity to entertain audiences multiple times a year.

With the exception of our Musical Director and the Associate Director who receive modest stipends for their musical talents, all of our members are volunteers. Besides contributing our time and musical talent, every member contributes financially to the Tidelanders through his annual dues. We rehearse approximately 46 weeks per year. Our performing chorus members are expected to attend nearly 80% of the weekly rehearsals, plus the performances.

You will notice that our music is a variety of songs, ranging from recognizable pop tunes, Broadway show music, gospel, doowop, and patriotic. This range of music gives our audience a variety of songs and shows the expertise of the chorus' abilities to sing acappella music.

*Enough background information...  
How do I join?*

## *Stuff you need to know.*

After visiting us three times, we hope you decide that you're interested in joining the Tidelanders. If so, contact the Chapter Development VP who will setup an audition for you.

The audition process is simple and requires just your natural talent of singing to complete. There are two portions of the audition.

**1** The first is the musical aptitude. This is where you'll be asked to sing a scale to evaluate your voice range. You'll be given pitches and intervals to repeat back to the auditioner. There is also a part of this audition where you will be asked to harmonize with another voice.

**2** The second part of the audition is the visual aptitude. You will be taught a quick, easy step to a familiar song. This is to see if you can sing and move, at the same time. The rest of the audition has to do with expressing yourself, facially, as you sing.

If you have any questions about the process, don't hesitate to ask.

After successfully passing the audition, you will complete a membership application, including one-year's dues, to submit to the Society and our Board of Directors for approval. Annual dues are approximately \$12 per month although there are discounts for students and seniors. Members can also enroll in an easy-pay program where 12 month increments are automatically charged to your credit card, checking or savings account.

We'll provide the tools for you to learn the music and choreography for our repertoire. You and the Music Team will decide when you're ready to be part of the performing chorus.

*It's that easy!*

For questions about membership, contact:  
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For general information about the chorus:  
[www.houstontidelanders.org](http://www.houstontidelanders.org)

The chorus meets each Monday night, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, at  
ChristChurch Presbyterian  
5001 Bellaire Boulevard  
Bellaire, Texas 77401