



SPRING 2026 YIH HOD REPORT

The ILL District has four active Youth In Harmony Festivals that all take place annually in the Fall. Those four festivals are hosted by the following choruses.

Central IL YIH Festival: Sound of Illinois

Coles County YIH Festival: Coles County

Fox Lake YIH Festival: New Tradition

Springfield YIH Festival: Land of Lincoln

These festivals play a major role in exposing the next generation to the joys of barbershop. Each year hundreds of high school students from all over IL attend these four festivals and spend a day learning the fundamentals of the craft. Led by chapter music leaders or by highly qualified and talented staff brought in by the chapters themselves. Our District takes pride in each festival and has support ready should a chapter need any financial assistance. Should any chapter not currently running/operating its own festival like to discuss how to get one started, please contact Evan Patrick directly.

Starting this year, a new way of requesting funds from the district goes into effect. All current YIH festival coordinators have received information related to this matter. Along with the new request form each coordinator has also received a list of active district champ quartets currently available for hire. This list will be updated annually via partnership with the ILL District QCA.

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