sarasota youth orchestras™

AUDITION and APPLICATION INFORMATION

For sixty years, the Sarasota Youth Orchestras have been providing young musicians of Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties with musical instruction, unique performing opportunities and the chance to study and perform classical music with their peers. Each of the eight ensembles performs three concerts a year, culminating in a final Spring Showcase performance.

Whether striving to be a professional musician or fostering a lifelong love of music, students through the Sarasota Youth Orchestras realize and advance their vision. Participants stay in each ensemble for an average of two years. They master the skills and techniques of musical playing in addition to developing self motivation, leadership and personal growth. All ensembles are coached by members of the Sarasota Orchestra and the String Ensembles may also participate in a musicianship class to develop inner rhythm and style.

All members of the Youth Orchestra Program are strongly encouraged to take private lessons.

THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLES:

TUESDAYS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Chamber Strings – Ages 8-14, with 1 year of experience or completed our Summer Music Camp.

Divertimento Strings – Ages 8-14, with 1-3 years of experience, developing first position.

Camerata Strings – Ages 8-14, with 2-3 years of experience, fluent in first position, starting third position.

Intermezzo Strings – Ages 10-17, with 3 or more years of experience, continuing to develop first and third positions through keys of 3 sharps / 3 flats.

Symphonic Strings – Ages 10-17, with 3 or more years of experience, fluent in first and third positions, developing extended positions. Refining dynamic and articulation skills.

MONDAYS 5:15 PM - 7:45 PM

Symphonic Winds – Ages 11-15, with 1-3 years of experience.

Youth Symphony – Ages 11-18, with more than 3 years of experience and the maturity to participate in a full orchestra. All students demonstrate solid technique. String students are developing extended positions.

Youth Philharmonic – Ages 13-19, comprised of advanced players whose technique level is highly proficient, who show strong musicality and musicianship and who are capable of the discipline necessary to perform at the highest level.

For full descriptions, visit www.sarasotaorchestra.org/education/youth-orchestra/ensembles

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SCHOOL PARTICIPATION POLICY

The Sarasota Orchestra believes that school music programs are vital to the development of young musicians—educationally, artistically and socially. By participating in school music programs, young musicians can serve as role models, receive leadership training and share their talents with others. Participation in the Sarasota Youth Orchestras is designed to enhance, not replace, school music instruction. School music programs provide essential daily ensemble and rehearsal instruction required for serious musical progress. Students who enroll in the Youth Orchestra Program are required to participate in their school orchestra/band, if one exists. Please see our website for policy information.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Fill out the application completely.
2. Return the application with a non-refundable $25 application fee postmarked by **August 24, 2019** to:
   Sarasota Youth Orchestras | 709 N. Tamiami Trail | Sarasota, FL 34236
3. Print Audition Repertoire from the website or call to request by mail (487-2732).
   www.sarasotaorchestra.org/education/youth-orchestra/auditions
4. Please visit www.sarasotaorchestra.org/education/youth-orchestra/ensembles for complete description of ensembles. By reviewing the descriptions, examining the audition materials and talking with your private instructor, you will know which ensemble matches your skills.
5. Prepare materials:
   - Use a metronome
   - Practice slowly
   - Listen to recordings
   - Concentrate on tone quality, intonation, dynamics and rhythm
   - Practice sight reading (yes, you can practice sight reading! How? By just doing it!)
   - Practice auditioning for family, friends and music teachers
6. Audition time will be mailed after receipt of application.
7. Arrive at audition at least 20 minutes ahead of scheduled time to warm up before you play.

TUITION

Each participant in the Youth Orchestra program pays $305 tuition. This is in addition to the $25 application fee and is due upon invoice. The $305 tuition is only a fraction of the actual cost to the Sarasota Orchestra per student. We are grateful to the Sarasota Orchestra Friends and the generosity of donors and granting organizations that help keep the costs to students reasonable.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE - Do you know a student that would enjoy being a part of our program? Help us spread the word and receive $20 off your tuition for each new student. Example: Talk with 5 new students that meet the requirements below and receive $100 off your tuition.

How to receive the discount: Talk with students that have never participated in one of our programs (this includes the Sarasota Youth Orchestras and Summer Music Camp). Ask the new student to apply and write your name on the space provided on the application. **New students must then audition, be accepted and participate in the Sarasota Youth Orchestras for you to receive the discount.** Incentive discount can only be used for the 2019-2020 season and may only be used to cover the balance of Youth Orchestra tuition. Money may not be applied to private lessons or any other program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sarasota Orchestra is fortunate to be able to offer several types of scholarships. Through the generosity of many donors and numerous foundations, we are able to off-set tuition expenses. We also strongly believe in the benefit of private lessons and are able to help subsidize students' lesson expenses. In addition, we offer scholarships for summer music camps and college music majors.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS - Need-based tuition scholarships are awarded to cover a portion of program cost (between 10% and 75%). Please include a letter of explanation. These letters can greatly help the committee with their decisions.

SIBLING SCHOLARSHIPS - The Sarasota Orchestra understands that many families have more than one child in our program. To help off-set these expenses, we offer a reduced tuition rate to families with more than one student participating in the Youth Orchestra Program. Often these are 50% scholarships. For example, $305 for the first child, $152.50 for each additional child. You must request this scholarship on the application.

FELLOWSHIPS - Need-based FULL TUITION scholarships (excluding application fee) are awarded to families having a combined income of $24,000 or less. Note: applicants for a full tuition scholarship must provide full income disclosure (IRS 1040 Form, page one, front and back) and explanation of scholarship need. **Full scholarships cannot be granted without this documentation.**

PRIVATE LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS - These are awarded to Youth Orchestra participants to help defray a percentage of the cost of private lessons (38 lesson maximum Sept.-June).

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STUDENT NAME _____
Legal Last Legal First Nickname (Goes by)

Gender ____ Birthday ____ /___ /____ School (Fall '19) _____ Grade (Fall '19) _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Student Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone _____

Audition Instrument _____ Years Played _____

Private Teacher _____ Total Years of Lessons _____
(not your school teacher)

Will you participate in your school band/orchestra '19-'20? ___ Yes ___ No (If No, please review the SYO policy and attach an explanation.)

How did you hear about the Sarasota Youth Orchestras? _____
(For recruitment incentive, please include full name)

Student's FREE T-Shirt Size: (circle one) Youth YS YM YL <u>or</u> Adult S M L XL

ALL STUDENTS MUST AUDITION

Please check an ensemble:

Auditions for **new** Youth Orchestra students ONLY will be held on **August 24 (9:00am-4:00pm).**

Please check our website for current openings.

<u>Tuesday</u> <u>Ensembles 5:30 - 7:30 pm</u>

- ❍ Chamber Strings
- ❍ Divertimento Strings
- ❍ Camerata Strings
- ❍ Intermezzo Strings
- ❍ Symphonic Strings

<u>Monday</u> <u>Ensembles 5:15 - 7:45 pm</u>

- ❍ Symphonic Winds
- ❍ Youth Symphony
- ❍ Youth Philharmonic

Confirmation of audition date and time will be mailed to you within a week of receiving your application.

Each application must be accompanied by a $25 application fee.

Please indicate payment method: ❍ Check made payable to Sarasota Orchestra
❍ VISA ❍ MC ❍ AmEx ❍ Discover

CHARGE CARD # _____ EXP DATE _____/ _____

Billing Address: _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Must be completed every year: The Sarasota Orchestra is fortunate to be able to offer many scholarships through the generosity of donors and grants. Please read the description for scholarships on the previous page and complete the section below to apply for scholarship consideration. Completing the scholarship information below does not guarantee a scholarship will be awarded.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name of Student _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Father's Name _____

Place of Employment _____

Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____

Place of Employment_____

Occupation _____

Number of children in college _____

Number of dependent children living at home _____

Total number of children _____

Number of children in the Sarasota Youth Orchestras _____ (including applicant)

COMBINED FAMILY INCOME (MUST BE COMPLETED)

❍ under $24,000 (Must provide IRS 1040)
❍ $24-$32,000
❍ $33-$40,000
❍ $41-$50,000
❍ $51-$65,000
❍ over $65,000

APPLYING FOR

❍ TUITION FELLOWSHIP (full tuition)
(Combined income under $24,000 with valid IRS 1040 Form.)
❍ TUITION (partial)
❍ PRIVATE LESSONS (partial)
❍ SIBLING (partial)

For Private Lesson Scholarships only:

Name of Private Teacher (other than school teacher) _____

Private Teacher's Phone Number _____ Email address _____

How long have you studied with above private teacher _____

Cost of one lesson _____ (circle one) ½ hour, ¾ hour or 1 hour lesson

Number of lessons per month _____

I certify that all information on both sides of this sheet are complete and accurate.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Please use the space below to provide any additional information that you believe is important for the scholarship committee to consider. (Additional pages may be used)

THANK YOU!

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