



## LISTEN TO THE FUTURE

*omaha area youth orchestras*



## Scholarships, tuition & fees:

Scholarships work like a sliding scale on the cost of tuition.

The Federal Poverty guidelines are used to calculate the percentage or tuition scholarships. For example:

- Family of 3 with an income of \$19,500 qualifies for a 75% tuition scholarship
- Family of 5 with an income of \$45,000 qualifies for a 75% tuition scholarship
- Family of 6 with an income of \$90,000 qualifies for a 25% tuition scholarship

**Family rate:** The child in the least advanced orchestra pays full tuition. Each additional child receives a 20% discount.

**Volunteering:** Each OAYO family is asked to volunteer three times over the course of the season. Families not wishing to volunteer time may contribute a \$60 (tax-deductible) opt-out fee.

**Tickets:** Tickets are available season-round at [OAYO.LUDUS.COM](http://OAYO.LUDUS.COM). They can also be purchased at the door of events.

**Chamber music ensembles:** Tuition payment of \$280 or eight payments of \$35, in addition to each of the available payment plans. Non-refundable for cancellations received after August 1.



### **Tuition**

All musicians accepting a spot in any orchestra will be required to pay a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$125 due June 30th, in addition to the payment schedule indicated below:

#### **Youth Concert Strings**

- Eight payments of \$55 (August to March). Total tuition \$565
- A one-time payment of \$440, due by Sept. 1st
- A 5% discount will be given for tuition paid in full by Aug. 15th

#### **Youth Philharmonic**

- Eight payments of \$65 (August to March). Total tuition \$645
- A one-time payment of \$520, due by Sept. 1st
- A 5% discount will be given for tuition paid in full by Aug. 15th

#### **Youth Symphony**

- Eight payments of \$85 (August to March). Total tuition \$805
- A one-time payment of \$680, due by Sept. 1st
- A 5% discount will be given for tuition paid in full by Aug. 15th

**OAYO wants every child with the desire and motivation to play to be a part of our orchestras.**

## Submitting audition and scholarship applications:

Online through the OAYO website ([www.oayo.org](http://www.oayo.org)), select "Join OAYO," and click "Registrations & auditions."  
Fill out the application form, tuition and private lesson scholarship forms.

## Deadlines & notification schedule:

- Monday, March 19, 2018: Audition application and \$30 non-refundable fee due to OAYO office or online. Applications received after March 19 require a \$40 nonrefundable fee.
- Monday, March 26, 2018: Musicians will be notified of their assigned audition time. If the application is received after March 19, notification may be at a later date.
- Auditions begin April 7th and take place through the 12th as well as April 14 & 15th.

See online registration to choose date, time and location.

- Friday, May 18, 2018: Scholarship applications due for tuition and private lessons received by OAYO office or online. Contact the OAYO office regarding late applications.
- June 1, 2018: Notification of acceptance and ensemble placement will be made no later than June 1. Musicians will also be notified of scholarship awards at this time.

**If you miss the audition or scholarship deadlines, please contact the OAYO office at 402-238-2044.**

## Which ensemble should I audition for??



### Youth Symphony (YS)

- YS performs masterpieces from the standard orchestral repertoire at a highly proficient level.
- Very advanced high school musicians whom demonstrate the full range of abilities specific to their instrument.

### Youth Philharmonic (YP)

- YP performs unabridged standard orchestral repertoire, as well as a limited number of advanced level arrangements with a focus on refining orchestral technique.
- Musicians grades 5th through 12th whom demonstrate an expanded set of abilities on their instrument.

### Youth Concert Strings (YCS)

- YCS is an intermediate-level string orchestra serving as an energetic introduction to ensemble performance.
- Talented string musicians in grades 3rd through 7th.

### Chamber Music Ensembles (CME)

- A chamber music ensemble is a small ensemble without a conductor where each musician plays an individual part.
- CME consists of ensembles between 3 and 5 musicians.
- Ensembles are coached by professional musicians, such as members of the Omaha Symphony and UNO faculty.
- CME are an additional commitment and are in addition to YS, YP or YCS.

## OAYO 1958 to 2018

The Omaha Area Youth Orchestras (OAYO) was established in 1958 and today consists of six ensembles that provide instruction and performance opportunities for more than 550 students each season. Students audition annually for positions within four progressively challenging ensembles or may be recommended by their school or private teacher within two non-auditioned orchestras. OAYO participants range in ages from six to eighteen from over 100 schools in 22 districts across the greater Omaha area.

All of OAYO's programs are designed to enhance the lives and musical abilities of youth in a group setting that builds leadership skills, fosters discipline and develops educated listeners and future arts supporters. All of our students are provided with the skills to enjoy a life of active participation in the arts as volunteers, teachers and concert attendees.