



STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

Preparatory Strings • 2024-2025

Alejandra Attebury, Director

Review the following policy statements. Sign this copy and return it to the Education staff. **By signing and returning this copy, it means you have read and are familiar with all policies in the [2024-2025 ASYO Membership Handbook](#).**

I. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Musicians are expected to make Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and concerts a priority. *Consistent attendance is necessary for the development of a quality musical experience.*

Musicians are allowed two (2) absences in the Fall and three (3) absences in the Spring. This includes any absence (*illness, school or other music activities, family vacation, homework and tests, college visits, religious holidays, etc.*). Absences will not be marked excused or unexcused, but simply as an absence. **Excessive tardies (arriving after the rehearsal start-time) will be noted and addressed by ASYO staff.** Conductors reserve the right to dismiss a musician from an ensemble due to lack of commitment as demonstrated by attendance.

Attendance at concert dress rehearsals is mandatory. *
Missing the concert dress rehearsal may result in forfeiting the right to play that concert.

** Only in extreme cases will an absence be considered. Conflicts must be addressed with the Education staff.
Students will need to: (a) submit a letter from the organization's director/sponsor whose event conflicts with the ASYO dress rehearsal; and (b) maintain perfect attendance throughout the semester.
All concert approvals will be handled by ASYO staff on a case-by-case basis.*

NEW!

To let ASYO staff know about upcoming absences throughout the season, scan the QR code to complete the **ASYO 2024-2025 Student Absence (Google) Form**.



II. TUITION

Preparatory Strings: \$150/semester. **IMPORTANT:** Tuition is non-refundable.

All funds received may be paid by:

CHECK, MONEY ORDER, or CASH

Payable: The Amarillo Symphony
Mail/Deliver: 301 S. Polk St., Suite 700
Amarillo, TX 79101

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

Phone: (806) 376-8782, ext. 1117 or 1115
Online: [ASYO Shopping Cart](#) (*full payments only; payment will show as "Bloomerang"*)
Square: swipe your card at rehearsal

IMPORTANT: Please visit with the Education staff to discuss Tuition Assistance and Payment Plan options, available to families that qualify. All requests must be submitted by **Friday, February 14, 2025** for full consideration.

*All members are eligible for need-based financial aid. No student accepted into the ASYO will be excluded from the program because of financial need. **All members that receive tuition assistance are expected to maintain excellent attendance and participate for the full year.***

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra musicians are ambassadors for the organization, and the behavior of each musician reflects upon the entire group. Each student will be expected to use good manners, display common courtesy, and show consideration for others. A successful ASYO experience requires a cohesive group in which everyone accepts and follows the same standards of behavior.

IV. SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra is designed to complement local school instrumental programs. As such, ASYO members are expected to participate in their school's corresponding instrumental ensemble or music organization, provided there is one.

Home/private/charter school students are eligible for membership in ASYO. Where a school ensemble is not available, private lessons are highly recommended.

V. OWNERSHIP RIGHT

The Amarillo Symphony owns and retains the rights to use any photographs or audio/video recordings.

I, *(student name)* _____, as a participating student of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra program, have *read* the preceding statements and the [2024-2025 ASYO Membership Handbook](#), and agree to accept them as a condition of being a member of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra. I realize that if I fail to follow any of these policies, I may be dismissed from ASYO.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Today's Date

Return to the Education staff at the next ASYO rehearsal...

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Drop-off/Mail to: Amarillo Symphony | 301 S. Polk Street, Ste. 700 | Amarillo, TX 79101