

STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

Preparatory Strings • 2025-2026

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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 2025-2026 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.

ASYO 2025-2026 Student Absence (Google) Form:

To let ASYO staff know about upcoming absences throughout the season, scan the QR code and complete the form.



II. TUITION

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

All funds received may be paid by:

CHECK, MONEY ORDER, or CASH CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

Payable: The Amarillo Symphony **Phone**: (806) 376-8782, ext. 1117 or 1115

<u>Mail/Deliver</u>: 301 S. Polk St., Suite 700 <u>Online</u>: <u>ASYO Shopping Cart</u> (full payments only; payment

Amarillo, TX 79101 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, September 26, 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

OWNERSHIP RIGHT

V

Today's Date

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 <u>are</u> eligible for membership in ASYO. Where a school ensemble is not available, private lessons are highly recommended.

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Orchestra program, have <u>read</u> the preceding statemen	a participating student of the Amarillo Symphony Youth ts and the 2025-2026 ASYO Membership Handbook, and agree Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra. I realize that if I fail to SYO.
Student Signature	Parent Signature