



STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

Preparatory Strings | Alejandra Attebury, Director

Please read the following policy statements. Sign this copy and return to the Education staff. **By signing and returning this copy, it means you have read and are familiar with all policies in the Spring 2021 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 this semester. Two (2) tardies (arriving AFTER the rehearsal start-time) will total one (1) absence. This includes any absence (*illness, school or other music activities, family vacation, homework and tests, religious holidays, etc.*). Absences will not be marked excused or unexcused, but simply as an absence. Conductors reserve the right to dismiss a musician from an ensemble due to lack of commitment as demonstrated by attendance.

IMPORTANT: Should a student contract COVID-19 or be instructed to quarantine as a result of exposure, the student will be exempt from further rehearsals until a letter from the City of Amarillo Health Department or other health official is provided, stating the student is eligible to return to normal day-to-day activities.

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 submit a letter from the organization’s director/sponsor whose event conflicts with the ASYO dress rehearsal AND maintain perfect attendance throughout the semester (barring COVID-19 circumstances). All concert approvals will be handled by ASYO staff on a case-by-case basis.*

Please list any (known) dates of ASYO rehearsals your child will miss this semester:

Spring 2021

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

II. TUITION

Preparatory Strings: \$90 / Fall semester – (Tuition is non-refundable.)

Tuition for Spring 2021 will remain reduced* and collected in two (2) payments:

- February 2021 \$45.00
- March 2021 \$45.00

** Tuition during an average semester ranges from \$125-\$150 per student.*

Tuition is due by/at the first rehearsal. All payments received may be made:

- by **check** or **money order** payable to the **Amarillo Symphony**; include musician’s full name (*first & last*) and ensemble (*Preparatory Strings*) in the memo line.

- **online** – www.amarillosymphony.org – by going to the **Education** tab and following the **Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra** tab.

*ASYO is a commitment to the development of each musician.
Even if a student discontinues participation mid-semester, unpaid tuition will still be due.*

IMPORTANT: *If full payment cannot be made and a deposit is necessary, please visit with the Education staff. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available to families that qualify. All requests must be submitted by **Monday, February 22, 2021** for full consideration.*

*All members will be 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

ASYO is designed to complement local school instrumental programs. As such, Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra 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 **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/Guardian Signature

Today's Date

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

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Mail to: Amarillo Symphony | P.O. Box 2586 | Amarillo, TX 79105-2586