



Canton Youth Symphonies Need-Based Scholarship Application

A limited number of funds are available for scholarship assistance for young musicians who demonstrate financial need. Full or partial scholarships are available to certain qualifying participants. **Participants who believe they may be eligible for a need-based scholarship should complete the application below and submit it via email, postal mail, or in-person before the first rehearsal (September 14 & 15, 2026).** If the application is not brought by the first rehearsal, applications must be submitted by September 22, 2026. Scholarships will be awarded to the first pool of applications before the September 22nd requests are processed.

Scholarship recipients will be notified upon their acceptance into the program (unless their application is submitted later than the program start date). The proceeds from any scholarship awards will be applied directly to the qualifying musician's CYS tuition and no proceeds will be issued to the participants or their families. If the musician does not attend their assigned ensemble or subsequently becomes ineligible for the scholarship, the Canton Symphony Orchestra reserves the right to rescind the scholarship offer and apply the funds to another eligible musician meeting the scholarship criteria.

Depending on the family's need and the cost of tuition, eligible musicians can receive a credit of anywhere from 25-100% of the overall cost of tuition.

Given the limited number of funds at the Canton Symphony's disposal, we use a family's financial information to help us determine need. It is important that you include a copy of the first page of your most recent 1040, 1040EZ or 1040A, AFDC, SSI or unemployment information. Do not send originals, only copies of the originals. All information collected will remain confidential.

Musician #1's Name _____

Ensemble _____

Musician #2's Name _____

Ensemble _____

Musician #3's Name _____

Ensemble _____

Primary Parent/Guardian _____

Secondary Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Primary Parent/Guardian Marital Status _____

Musician(s) Live(s) With

Who claims the musician as a dependent on the tax return? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Adjusted Gross Income (line 11 on IRS form 1040) _____

Income attributable to other adults (filing separately) living in household _____

Child Support Income (only if not listed on tax return) _____

Non-taxable income (SSI/SSD, food stamps, survivor's benefits, etc) _____

Number of Dependents on Federal Tax Form _____

Amount of tuition that can be reasonably covered by family _____

We recognize that the above does not reflect all household expenses incurred. Please use the following space to provide other relevant (extraordinary) expenses or information. This may include large medical or education expenses, recent job loss, etc.

By signing below I certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I realize that incomplete information or any fraudulent information given can result in denial or reversal of Financial Aid.

Signature

Date

Please return form to Canton Symphony Orchestra, ATTN: CYS Financial Aid, 2331 17th St NW, Canton, OH 44708 or email a scanned copy to cys@cantonsymphony.org.