



2017-2018 STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

Philharmonic | *Fabian Saldaña, conductor*

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENTS. Sign this copy and return to the Education Coordinator. By signing and returning this copy, it means you have read and are familiar with all policies in the 2017-2018 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 granted no more than two (2) absences per semester. Two (2) tardies shall constitute one absence. 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. Conductors reserve the right to dismiss a musician from an ensemble due to lack of commitment as demonstrated by attendance.

Absences from dress rehearsals are not allowed in any circumstance. Missing the dress rehearsal for concerts will result in forfeiting the right to play that concert. If you have a conflict, please address it with the Education Coordinator.

Please list the dates of any ASYO rehearsals that your child will miss this season:

Fall

Spring

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

II. TUITION

Tuition is due at the start of the season. All payments received by the ASYO may be made:

- by **check** or **money order** payable to the **Amarillo Symphony**; include musician's full name (*first & last*) and ensemble (*Philharmonic*) in the memo line.
- **online** - www.amarillosymphony.org - by going to the **Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra** tab (FULL tuition payments only).

TUITION: \$250/season -or- \$125/semester. (*Tuition is non-refundable.*)

ASYO is a commitment to the development of each musician. Therefore, even if a student discontinues participation mid-semester in his/her ensemble, unpaid tuition will still be due.

IMPORTANT: *If full payment cannot be made and a deposit is necessary, please visit with the Education Coordinator. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available to families that...*

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*...qualify. All requests must be submitted by **Monday, September 25, 2017** 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 each individual 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 all 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 Signature

Today's Date

Return this contract to the Education Coordinator at the next ASYO rehearsal...

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