



Olathe Youth Symphony Association Membership Contract

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The purpose of the OYSA is to foster, in cooperation with public and private schools, advanced level musical opportunities for talented young musicians in the southern Johnson County and metropolitan Kansas City area. We believe that every young person with outstanding ability and a willingness to work hard should be given the opportunity to develop their musical skills through the performance of quality orchestral literature. The criterion below is critical to our success during the concert season.

- 1. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**– Each OYSA member must participate in his/her school ensemble on the instrument he/she plays in OYSA. If a student cannot participate in their school ensemble they must provide a signed release from the band/orchestra director of their school stating the reason for the waiver. The final decision will be at the discretion of the OYSA Board of Directors. If a school music program is not available where the student attends, the student must be enrolled in weekly private lessons with a well-qualified instructor.
- 2. ATTENDANCE**- Regular attendance is crucial to the success of the Olathe Youth Symphony Association. If a member is absent from rehearsal they are required to report their absence prior to 12:00 pm the day of rehearsal. This form is available on the OYSA website. Members who accumulate more than two unexcused absences will be placed on probation. Once on probation if the attendance issue is not resolved the member will be dismissed from the organization. Absences due to school activities and illness are excused but still need to be reported in a timely manner.
- 3. PARTICIPATION FEE**- **A participation fee is due on or before July 1st. (\$160 Philharmonic & Symphony Orchestras).** If an accepted applicant misses this deadline their position in the organization may be given to an applicant on the youth symphony waiting list. Alternate payment plan arrangements may be made by contacting Mr. Detrick at olatheyouthsymphony@gmail.com. **Late payments (unless previous arrangements have been made) will be assessed a late fee.** The participation fee is fully refundable through the first rehearsal. After that date no refunds will be given.
- 4. MUSIC**- Music supplied to each OYSA member is the sole property of the Olathe Youth Symphony Association. Music must be kept in good condition and returned when requested by the director. Lost or stolen music will be assessed a replacement charge per musical selection.
- 5. CONCERT UNIFORM**- A specific concert uniform is required of each OYSA member for all concert performances.
 - **LADIES** – All black ankle-length dress. Long sleeve or ¾ sleeve. Members are permitted to wear a black blazer or cardigan over their dress if it does not meet the sleeve requirement. All black shoes.
 - **GENTLEMEN** – Black dress slacks, black shoes & socks, white tuxedo-style shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund. (Black tuxedo coat is encouraged for Symphony Orchestra members but not required.)
 - ****Student; who are not dressed appropriately for concert performances will not be allowed to perform. Concert dress will be strictly enforced at all performances.**

**** Please Note... A signed contract is not required. By submitting payment both member and parent agree to the terms stated in the OYSA membership contract.****

I, (**parent**) _____, have read the OYSA Membership Contract. I will assist in seeing that the rules, requirements, responsibilities, and expenses are fulfilled. I will contact OYSA directors for clarification if any questions arise. I will see that my student attends rehearsal, concerts and participates in all activities that may arise.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I, (**student**) _____, have also read the OYSA Membership Contract. I understand my responsibilities and the consequences which may occur if I do not fulfill my responsibilities. I will ask OYSA directors for clarification if any questions arise. I understand I must follow all rules and regulations listed in the contract or dismissal may result.

Student Signature

Date