



Olathe Youth Symphony Membership Contract

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OUR MISSION

The Olathe Youth Symphony (OYS) fosters advanced level musical opportunities for talented young musicians in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS** – Each OYS member must participate in his/her school band or orchestra on the instrument he/she plays in OYS. If a student cannot participate in their school band or orchestra, they must provide a signed waiver from the band/orchestra director of their school giving permission for membership in the OYS. The final decision will be at the discretion of the OYS 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.
- ATTENDANCE** – Regular attendance is crucial to the success of the Olathe Youth Symphony. If a member is absent from a rehearsal, they are required to report their absence prior to 4:00 pm the day of rehearsal. This form is available on the OYS website under the “OYS MEMBERS” tab. 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.
- PARTICIPATION FEE** – A participation fee is due on or before July 1st. (\$180 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 \$20 late fee.** The participation fee is fully refundable through the first rehearsal. After September 15, 2020 (day after the first rehearsal) no refunds will be given.
- MUSIC** – Music supplied to each OYSA member is the sole property of the Olathe Youth Symphony. 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.
- 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... Return of this signed contract is NOT required. Submission of your participation fee payment, verifies that both member and parent agree to the terms stated in this OYS membership contract.****

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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

Student Signature

Date