



AMARILLO YOUTH SINFONIA & PHILHARMONIC

Student and Parent Contract
2009-10 Season

The Amarillo Symphony

Please read the following policy statements carefully. Sign this copy and return with your tuition payment.

I. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Musicians are expected to make Amarillo Youth Orchestra rehearsal, workshops, retreats and concerts a priority. Consistent attendance is necessary for the development of a quality musical experience. Musicians are granted no more than **3 absences per semester**. Three (3) tardies shall constitute one absence. This includes any absence, such as 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 a dress rehearsal may result in forfeiting the right to play that concert.

Please list the dates of any youth orchestra rehearsal that you will miss this season:

1st Semester

2nd Semester

1. _____

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3. _____

3. _____

II. TUITION

All tuition is non-refundable. All funds received by the Amarillo Youth Orchestras **must** be made by check or money order made payable to the **Amarillo Symphony**. **Cash will not be accepted**. Include musician's full name (first and last), ensemble (Sinfonia, Philharmonic or Youth Symphony) in the memo line on each check or money order.

Our organization has made a year-long commitment to the development of each musician. Therefore, even if a student discontinues participation in his /her ensemble, unpaid tuition will still be due.

Tuition: **\$170** for the full season. Tuition is due at the first rehearsal of the season.

Tuition assistance is available to families in need. Contact the youth orchestra staff for additional information.

_____ Check here if you need a special payment plan. Write your request on separate sheet of paper and attach your request to this form. Final payment must be received by Monday, October 26, 2009.

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

Amarillo 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 AYO experience requires a cohesive group in which each individual accepts and follows the same standards of behavior.

IV. SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

The Amarillo Youth Orchestras are designed to compliment local school instrumental programs. As such, Amarillo Youth Orchestra members are expected to participate in their school music organization provided there is one. Exceptions to this policy will be granted only in extreme circumstances.

V. OWNERSHIP RIGHT

The Amarillo Symphony owns and retains the rights to use any photographs or audio/video recordings.

I, _____, have read the preceding statements as well as the Amarillo Youth Orchestra handbook and agree to accept them as a condition of being a member of the Amarillo Youth Orchestras. I realize that if I fail to follow any of these policies, I may be dismissed from the Amarillo Youth Orchestras.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Today's Date

Please return full tuition or deposit with the signed copy of this agreement to:
Amarillo Symphony, P.O. Box 2586, Amarillo, TX 79105-2586