

# Important HYS Symphony Program Audition FAQs

## What instruments are accepted?

HYS holds auditions for violin, viola, cello, bass, flute (piccolo), oboe (English horn), clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone (euphonium), tuba, percussion, and harp. Auditions for piano and saxophone are not available.

## Can I audition for two instruments?

No. Students may audition for only one instrument.

## How do I know which group to try out for?

Refer to our age and grade eligibility chart on the next page. Download the audition music and consult with your private teacher. The following short descriptions may help:

**YSI** students have 4 to 6 years of experience, and play music levels 4-6 (including major orchestral pieces, new commissions, and music to support guest artists).

**YSII** students have 3 to 5 years of experience, and play music levels 4-5 (consisting of some standard orchestral pieces and some adaptations).

**CO** students have 2 to 4 years of experience, and play music levels 3-4 (consisting of abridged versions of symphonic works and popular repertoire).

## What music do I play?

The highest group you are auditioning for determines what music you must play. **It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain all the required music.** Students may be asked to play a sight reading excerpt(s) commensurate to which orchestra you apply. Use the following table to find your requirements:

*You **MUST** play the following audition music excerpts:*

Trying out for CO	Trying out for YSII	Trying out for YSI	Currently in YSI Woodwind, Brass, Percussion & Harp (Strings do not need to re-audition)
Excerpt 1	Excerpts 1 & 2	Excerpts 1, 2 & 3	Excerpts 2 & 3

Example: If you would like to audition for YSII, then you must play both Excerpts 1 & 2 music on your audition date.

## When and where are rehearsals held?

Rehearsals are held every Sunday from August through May. Currently, YSI rehearsals are held at the University of Hawaii Music Dept., YSII rehearsals are at Kaimuki Middle School and CO rehearsals are at Niu Valley Middle School. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts.

## If I am accepted, how much does it cost?

In order to provide quality programs, HYS spends over \$2,000 per student. The tuition were \$600—\$800 this past season. We **anticipate** that fees will increase and will publish the 2019-2020 fees at a later date. Financial aid information will be available at registration.

## Do I have to take private lessons?

We highly recommend you take private lessons to enhance your HYS experience.

# 2019-2020 Audition Policies & Deadlines

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This table outlines age eligibility. HYS accepts students through grade 12 only. To ensure fairness, we do not make exceptions to age eligibility.

GROUP	YOU MUST BE AT LEAST:
Youth Symphony I	13 years of age by 12/31/18 <b>and</b> grade 9 in the 2019-20 school year
Youth Symphony II	12 years of age by 12/31/18 <b>and</b> grade 8 in the 2019-20 school year
Concert Orchestra	10 years of age by 12/31/18 <b>and</b> grade 6 in the 2019-20 school year

## AUDITION DAYS, LOCATION & TIMES

The exact time and location of your audition will be assigned, then emailed to you **on or after May 8, 2019**.

INSTRUMENT	
<b>VIOLIN</b> (If you were in YSI during the 2018-19 season then you will not need to audition)	May 18
<b>VIOLA, CELLO, BASS</b> (If you were in YSI during the 2018-19 season then you will not need to audition)	May 19
<b>BRASS</b>	May 25
<b>WOODWIND</b>	May 26
<b>PERCUSSION* and HARP</b>	June 1

**\*Percussion applicants:** HYS does not provide instruments for warm-up on audition day. Please be sure to get enough practice time on school instruments before you come to audition. Please bring your own sticks, mallets, beaters, or brushes, etc. for your audition.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO DO DURING THE AUDITION PROCESS

1. **Read and comply** with all HYS audition policies. Meet all deadlines that are clearly outlined on this application.
2. Complete **application** and submit to HYS office ON TIME with all applicable fees included.
3. Prepare audition **music**. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have downloaded all the required audition music.
4. Inform HYS of any **changes** to your application data ASAP or **by May 1, 2019** so that we can insure that your audition is scheduled for the appropriate day and time. If for any reason you decide not to audition, please notify the HYS office prior to your audition date.
5. **You must check in** at least 30 minutes prior to your assigned audition time to allow yourself time to prepare for your audition.
6. Have your music and all accessories with you when you check-in. Please come prepared for any and all situations. HYS will not be able to provide tuning assistance, replace broken reeds or strings, or provide cello donuts etc.
7. Be ready-to-go at audition time.

## STUDENTS RESIDING OFF-ISLAND OR TRAVELING ON AUDITION DATES

If you reside on the neighboring islands (Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai or Lanai), LIVE auditions can be scheduled on your island between May 13-16. Please call HYS at 808-941-9706 by Friday, May 3 so we can make arrangements to schedule a date for your LIVE audition.

If you are moving to Hawaii and will not be on island on the scheduled audition date, a self-recorded audition will be accepted. There is no additional charge for self-recorded auditions. **Only .mp3 or .m4a audio recordings will be accepted. Do not send CDs, DVDs, thumb or flash drives.** Please record each orchestra's scales and excerpts in a single take. Please do not speak when recording. Your recording must be received by HYS, via an email to [admin@hiyouthsymphony.org](mailto:admin@hiyouthsymphony.org) by May 13. Recordings will be judged during live audition times. It is **your** responsibility to confirm that HYS has received your audition recording and has verified the file works. HYS will not be held responsible for corrupt files, incomplete file transfers, incompatible files, or any file that we have not received by the deadline.

If you live on Oahu, but will be traveling on the scheduled audition date, an in-person recording at the HYS office must be scheduled. Please check the appropriate box on your application. An additional **\$10 fee** is required for HYS to record your audition. Proof of travel, e.g. a copy of the receipt or a ticket showing student's name & date of travel, must be sent with this application to be eligible. **No self-recordings are allowed.** Auditions will be recorded during the week of **May 13**. We will contact you to schedule an appointment for you to come in and have your audition recorded. Recordings will be judged during live audition times. Call HYS at 808-941-9706 for more info.

**NO LATE AUDITIONS ARE ALLOWED**

# HYS 2019-2020 Audition Application

You must review all audition policies outlined in this application. Please take the time to provide accurate and complete information. Thank you for applying and GOOD LUCK!

**Complete numbers 1- 5 below:**

1. Please select the highest group you will be auditioning for:

- CO (Concert Orchestra)
- YSII (Youth Symphony II)
- YSI (Youth Symphony I)

2. Are you a current HYS member?  Yes  No

If YES, which group? \_\_\_\_\_

HYS Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Check one of the following:

- I will print and download the music from the website.
- Send me the audition music.  
*(ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.  
HYS is not responsible for music that gets lost or delayed in the mail.)*

4. Provide the following information so that we may verify your eligibility:

My birthdate is: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

5. Check if applicable:

- I will be traveling on my audition date and request to have my audition recorded. I am enclosing an additional \$10 and proof of my travel plans with this application.

**Complete the information below. PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY. Be sure to sign the form at the bottom of the page.**

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Island you reside on: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME *First* \_\_\_\_\_ *Middle* \_\_\_\_\_ *Last* \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS *Street no.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Apt.#* \_\_\_\_\_ *City, State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL\* *All communication regarding this audition will be sent to this address ONLY*

FATHER/Guardian Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER: Work and Cell Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER/Guardian Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER: Work and Cell Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Your GRADE in 2019-2020 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*ALL INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU.  
PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK IT FREQUENTLY.**

**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**

Please apply on time. **Fees are non-refundable.**

**April 15: AUDITION MUSIC:** Audition music available online at <https://www.HiYouthSymphony.org/auditions/>

**April 26: APPLICATIONS DUE:** Applications with a \$30 application fee must be received in our office by **5:00 PM** on **April 26**. Add \$10 if you need HYS to pre-record your audition because you will be traveling off-island.

**April 27-May 1: LATE APPLICATIONS:** Late applications will be accepted with a \$50 application fee if received by **5:00 PM** on **MAY 1**.

**Approximately May 8: AUDITION TIMES:** Your audition time and instructions will be sent to the email address provided on this application. Please call HYS if you do not receive your audition time prior to your audition date. HYS will contact you to schedule an appointment to record your audition if you indicated so on #5 above.

**Week of May 13: RECORDING OF AUDITIONS AND NEIGHBOR ISLAND LIVE AUDITIONS:** See "Students Residing Off-Island or Traveling on Audition Dates."

**MAY 18-19, May 25-26, & June 1:** Auditions are by appointment only. No walk-ins allowed.

**AUDITION FEES:**

- \$30 if applying by April 26
- \$50 if applying between April 27 and May 1
- \$10 additional fee for HYS to record your audition if you are traveling

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Pay by cash or check made payable to: **HYS**
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees are non-refundable.**

*I have read and understand HYS audition policies and have reviewed them with my parent/guardian. I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and accurate. If I do a live audition, I will arrive on time and be prepared to audition at my assigned audition time. If I arrive late, I understand that I may have to forfeit warm-up time and audition at my assigned time. If I submit a self-recorded file, I certify that the recording that I am submitting is a true representation of my own work.*

Student Signature **REQUIRED**

Parent/Guardian Signature **REQUIRED**

**TO APPLY, RETURN THIS PAGE BY DEADLINE TO: HYS, 1110 University Avenue, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96826**