



Hawaii Youth Symphony

Financial Aid Program FAQ 2019 – 2020 Season

Why was the financial aid program established?

The Financial Aid Program was established over twenty-five years ago to offer all of HYS's young musicians equal opportunities to participate in every aspect of the HYS program regardless of financial conditions. Because of state, corporate, and private donations, all HYS students receive "financial aid" of sorts. The registration fee required is only a fraction of the cost of running the HYS program, currently more than \$2,000 per student. However, HYS realizes there are families who may still find it difficult to cover the non-subsidized portion of the fee. The Financial Aid Program ensures that all students will be able to benefit from our program.

Where do the funds come from?

The *Michael Nakasone Legacy Scholarship Fund in Honor of Youth Symphony II* was created in 2010 thanks to a generous donation from the late Ms. Olivia De Jane. Financial aid awards draw from the Nakasone Legacy Fund, and other funds, in hopes that no student will be turned away.

What expenses do these funds cover?

The financial aid program will subsidize financially deserving students on a reimbursement basis in one or more of the following ways:

1. Partial aid for private lessons: up to \$150 per semester
2. Partial aid for regular season registration fees: up to 50% per person.
3. Partial aid for instrument rental fees: up to 50% per season (only for instruments rented from HYS).

On what factors are awards based?

Awards are based on financial need, not on the musical ability of the applicant. Consideration is given to each student's attitude and evidence of responsibility (i.e. rehearsal attendance and preparedness). The majority of recipients make the most of what the Financial Aid Program can offer, as reflected by teacher evaluations. Out of hundreds of recipients, there have been only a few students in recent years whose subsidies have not continued because of poor preparation, tardiness and/or poor attitude. In these cases, the amounts allocated were given to an alternate applicant.

Can I declare my award as a scholarship award on my college application?

No. HYS's Financial Aid Program is not a scholarship program and should not be referred to as such. Selections are based on financial need and not musical ability.

How can I apply for financial aid?

First, navigate to our online registration to register for the class that you want the aid to be applied to by July 12, 2019. Then, send a completed Financial Aid Application (included herein your acceptance packet) and mail it to the office, with a copy of the first two pages of your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040) by Monday, September 2, 2019. Please redact your Social Security Number from your tax return prior to sending to us, as Hawaii Youth Symphony does not use this information. You can find the Financial Aid Application on our website if you need to print out another copy. More information may be requested from you at a later time to better assess your need. Note that there will be a separate financial aid application process for our 2020 summer programs. The financial aid form for our 2020 summer programs will be posted to our website in May 2020.

If you are applying for the Financial Aid Program, payment is still required at the time of online registration. Financial aid awards will be granted after the registration deadline on a reimbursement basis. When registering online, you may choose from the following two payment options:

- 1) Full payment (by check or credit card)
- 2) Payment by monthly installment (credit card only)

If you choose full payment by credit card at the time of registration and you are awarded financial aid, a refund will be automatically issued to your credit card. If you choose full payment by check at the time of registration and you are awarded financial aid, a reimbursement check will be issued and mailed to the student. If you choose payment by installment and are awarded financial aid, a refund will be automatically issued to your credit card. If private lessons are included as part of your financial aid package, the parents are still responsible for paying the private teachers. A reimbursement check will be issued to the student once a semester.

Have more questions?

If you are looking for other payment options or have any general financial aid questions, call our office at 941-9706 or e-mail carol@hiyouthsymphony.org.



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2019-2020 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

DEADLINE: Monday, September 2, 2019

Financial Aid funds are limited. The Finance Committee will review all applications and information submitted to assess each family's need for assistance. Awards are based on financial need, not on the musical ability of the applicant. Each applicant will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision. All information provided will be held in strictest confidence. HYS reserves the right to request additional information if needed. Please note:

**No person shall receive 100% tuition assistance.
 All applicants can expect to pay, at minimum, 50% tuition to participate in HYS.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Phone _____ Group _____

Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____

School _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Marital Status		
Occupation		
Place of Employment		
Work Phone		
Work Fax		
Cellular Phone/Pager		
E-mail		

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Confidential Information

Student Name: _____

I am registering in and requesting aid for the following sessions:

Private Lessons
Up to \$150/semester

Regular Registration
Up to 50%

Instrument Rental
Up to 50%

Is this a single parent/guardian household? Yes No

Including the student, how many children under the age of 18 are living in your household? _____

Other dependents? Yes No Please Specify: _____

Do you qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program? Yes No

Do you currently take private lessons? Yes No

Are there any special financial circumstances you feel the Committee should consider while evaluating your application? *Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

In order to be considered for financial aid, **please submit a copy of the first two pages of your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040)**. Please redact your Social Security Number from your tax return prior to sending to us, as Hawaii Youth Symphony does not use this information. If married, but filing separately, please submit copies of each return.

I certify that the above information is true and correct. If awarded financial assistance, we agree to participate in a HYS orchestra for the full 2019 – 2020 season and understand that, if we do not fulfill this obligation, we will be asked to repay all financial aid funds awarded.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Mail completed application with a copy of the first two pages of your 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040) by Monday, September 2, 2019:

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