



SPRING 2019 • STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

Preparatory Strings | *Alejandra Attebury, conductor*

Sinfonia | *Fabian Saldaña, conductor*

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENTS. Sign this copy and return to the Education Manager. *By signing and returning this copy, it means you have read and are familiar with all policies in the 2018-2019 Membership Handbook.*

I. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Musicians are expected to make Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and concerts a priority. *Consistent attendance is necessary for the development of a quality musical experience.*

Musicians are allowed three (3) absences per semester. Three (3) tardies—arriving AFTER the rehearsal start-time—will constitute one absence. This includes any absence (*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.

Attendance at concert dress rehearsals is mandatory.*

Missing the concert dress rehearsal may result in forfeiting the right to play that concert.

**** Only in extreme cases will an absence be considered. Conflicts must be addressed with the Education Manager no later than 2 weeks before the concert. Students will need to submit a Notice of Conflict form (provided by the Amarillo Symphony office). All concert approvals will be handled by ASYO staff on a case-by-case basis.***

Please list any (known) dates of ASYO rehearsals your child will miss this semester:

Spring

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

II. TUITION

Preparatory Strings & Sinfonia: \$125/semester – (Tuition is non-refundable.)

Tuition is due at the start of the semester. All payments received by the ASYO may be made:

- by **check** or **money order** payable to the **Amarillo Symphony**; include musician's full name (*first & last*) and ensemble (*Preparatory Strings or Sinfonia*) in the memo line.
- **online** – www.amarillosymphony.org – by going to the **Education** tab and following the **Youth Orchestra Programs** tab (*FULL tuition payments only*).

**ASYO is a commitment to the development of each musician.
Even if a student discontinues participation mid-semester, unpaid tuition will still be due.**

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IMPORTANT: *If full payment cannot be made and a deposit is necessary, please visit with the Education Manager. Tuition assistance and payment plans are available to families that qualify. All requests must be submitted by **Monday, February 25, 2019** for full consideration.*

*All members will be eligible for need-based financial aid. No student accepted into the ASYO will be excluded from the program because of financial need. **All members that receive tuition assistance are expected to maintain excellent attendance and participate for the full year.***

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

Amarillo Symphony 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 ASYO experience requires a cohesive group in which everyone accepts and follows the same standards of behavior.

IV. SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

ASYO is designed to complement local school instrumental programs. As such, Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra members are expected to participate in their school's corresponding instrumental ensemble or music organization, provided there is one.

Home/private/charter school students are eligible for membership in ASYO. Where a school ensemble is not available, private lessons are highly recommended.

V. OWNERSHIP RIGHT

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

I, *(student name)* _____, as a participating student of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra program, have read the preceding statements and the **ASYO Membership Handbook**, and agree to accept them as a condition of being a member of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra. I realize that if I fail to follow any of these policies, I may be dismissed from ASYO.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Today's Date

Return this to the Education Manager at the next ASYO rehearsal...

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Mail to: Amarillo Symphony | P.O. Box 2586 | Amarillo, TX 79105-2586