

 SPOKANE
YOUTH
SYMPHONY
2025-26 Tuition Assistance Application

The Spokane Youth Symphony provides tuition assistance for members in need. Need is typically established by documented eligibility for the National School Lunch Program; alternative circumstances are also considered. Funds are limited, please apply early. Applicants will be notified of assistance awards within 15 days.

Student's Name	Age	Parent/Guardian Name(s)
Address		Parent Email(s):
		Parent Phone(s):
City, State, ZIP		Total Annual Income for household: \$
Instrument:		Number of adults in household:
		Number of children in household:
		Number of other dependents:
Orchestra: ☐ SYSO ☐ Philharmonic ☐ Sinfonietta ☐ Strings		Has your family received Tuition Assistance from SYS in the past? ☐ Yes If Yes, please list dates and amount of assistance:
Does student qualify for free or reduced lunch? ☐ Yes If so, please attach documentation.		

Please describe any special circumstances affecting need for tuition assistance. If necessary, attach a separate sheet.

Please sign the second page of form and submit with documentation of eligibility for Free and Reduced Lunch Program, or alternatively a copy of signed Federal Income Tax form (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ), or other documentation.

Tuition Assistance Policy

The Spokane Youth Symphony (SYS) strives to provide financial assistance to students in need so that they may benefit from orchestral experience that SYS provides.

A Tuition Assistance Application and signed Agreement is required for any family requesting help. Tuition assistance is limited to 50% of total tuition unless the Tuition Assistance Committee determines a financial hardship exists that warrants a greater award.

The balance of the tuition must be kept current by the person responsible for the account.

Assistance is non-transferable to another family member; please fill out one application for each student.

One or more of the following documents is required and should be enclosed with applications:

- Copy of current National School Lunch Program eligibility documentation;
- Copy of the most recent signed Federal Tax form (1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ);
- Statement of need from a community resource worker, pastor, or other proof of income.

Tuition assistance cannot be applied retroactively; it is in effect from the time of approval. Assistance does not continue from year to year; it must be renewed each academic year.

All information provided by applicants will be treated with confidentiality.

Spokane Youth Symphony Tuition Assistance Agreement

Please check if you are planning to do the following:

☐ We will be volunteering for a minimum of 9 hours this year

☐ We will be participating in SYS fundraisers and will meet our minimum requirement of \$200 raised for SYS

Tuition assistance recipients agree to:

- Pay the first month's tuition and any remaining balance after application of a Tuition Assistance award.
- Attend rehearsals, concerts and adhere to the conduct expected of SYS students.

Parent Signature and Date:

Student Signature and Date:



Spokane Youth Symphony 2025-2026 Tuition Rates

Orchestra	Monthly	Annual (includes \$100 discount*)
Suzuki Academy	\$60	\$440
Strings	\$70	\$530
Sinfonietta	\$80	\$620
Philharmonic	\$90	\$710
Symphony Orchestra	\$100	\$800

Please see the 2025-2026 SYS Handbook published online for more information.

2025-26 National School Lunch Program Reference Chart:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES [Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines	Reduced Price Meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, District of Columbia, Guam, and Territories											
1	15,650	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557	20,345	1,696	848	783	392
2	21,150	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529
3	26,650	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667
4	32,150	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804
5	37,650	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942
6	43,150	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079
7	48,650	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217
8	54,150	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354
For each add'l family member, add	5,500	10,175	848	424	392	196	7,150	596	298	275	138