



2025-2026 Private Lesson Assistance Scholarship Program

The Private Lesson Assistance Scholarship Program was established in 2018 to support low-income families in paying for private lessons. The goals of the program are to provide opportunities for students who would otherwise be unable to afford lessons, to allow students to choose their instructor, to increase the diversity of the membership of the Spokane Youth Symphony, and to raise the overall caliber of all orchestras in the organization.

Eligibility & Application

Students who participate currently in any of the Spokane Youth Symphony orchestras and who qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the school year may be eligible for assistance through the program (*depending on availability of funds*). Students who wish to participate in the program must submit an application that includes a letter showing qualification for free/reduced meals. If this is not available, they may submit a statement of family income, household size, and proof of income. The application will also state the student's instrument and the name and mailing address of their instructor. A committee of the SYS Board of Directors will review and approve the applications.

IMPORTANT: The SYS family is responsible for locating a private teacher who will agree to the terms of the program. A private instructor list with phone numbers can be found at www.SpokaneYouthSymphony.org under Member Info.

Note: Teachers who are listed on our website are not required to participate in this program. Instructor participation in the Private Lesson Assistance Scholarship program is completely voluntary.

Lesson Schedule & Fees

The program will help pay for 2025-2026 members of our four orchestras who financially qualify for the scholarship for up to four lessons per month during the SYS season (Sept - May) with a maximum of 30 subsidized lessons per year, per student. The length of the lessons will be agreed upon by the instructor and the student's family, with the family paying the difference to the instructor between the scholarship amount from SYS and the instructor's agreed-upon fee.

Orchestra	Qualification	SYS Contribution per lesson
Strings or Sinfonietta	For REDUCED-Price Meals Qualification	\$10
Strings or Sinfonietta	For FREE Meals Qualification	\$20
Philharmonic	For REDUCED-Price Meals Qualification	\$15
Philharmonic	For FREE Meals Qualification	\$30
Symphony Orchestra	For REDUCED-Price Meals Qualification	\$20
Symphony Orchestra	For FREE Meals Qualification	\$40



2025-2025 Private Lesson Scholarship 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. Approved scholarships are effective September 2025 to May 2026

2024-2025 Instructor Agreement Form is attached and required to complete application.

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

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.



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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.

Parent Signature and Date:

Student Signature and Date:



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2025-2026 Private Instructor Agreement Form

This form is to be completed AFTER the student's application for a Private Lesson Scholarship has been approved by SYS for the student. The Instructor Form must be completed and submitted to SYS for the instructor to receive payments from SYS, which will be mailed following the month in which the lessons take place and after the monthly online report is submitted.

Instructor Full Name _____

Instructor Phone # _____

Instructor Email Address _____

Instructor Mailing Address _____

Participating Student (must be a current member of an SYS orchestra):

First and Last Name: _____

Lesson Length (in minutes): _____

Balance amount to be paid by SYS Family per lesson: \$ _____

In which orchestra is this student enrolled for the 2025-2026 season?

☐ Strings

☐ Sinfonietta

☐ Philharmonic

☐ Symphony Orchestra (YSO)

I agree to participate in the SYS Private Lesson Assistance Scholarship program for the above-named student for the 2025-2026 year (Sept-May). I agree to accept the terms of the program and provide a monthly online report to verify the student's participation and compliance with the terms (*which include timely payment of the student/family portion of fees and regular attendance and participation in the scheduled private lessons.*)

Instructor Name (printed): _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to SYS, PO Box 9547, Spokane, WA 99209

or scan and email to **info@spokaneyouthsymphony.org**