



seattle youth symphony orchestra

## Rehearsal Assistant Discount

### NEW! Rehearsal Assistant Discount

SYSO is committed to ensuring participation in our programs is accessible and equitable. For many years we have enabled students to engage in our orchestras regardless of the financial situation by budgeting for ample financial aid. In the past, we have also made a work study role as a component of receiving financial aid, but we now recognize that asking students to work for their aid can be problematic and inequitable. This year, we will remove work study from the financial aid process. Financial aid will continue to be amply funded and awarded based on a family's financial circumstances and needs.

SYSO still relies on the support of our community to prepare for rehearsals and so we are instituting a new **“Rehearsal Assistant Discount.”** This is a position that students or parents can sign up for that involves helping SYSO to set up and tear down for weekly rehearsals. This is very important work to make sure our rehearsals run smoothly, and we need people who can **commit to being a Rehearsal Assistant for the entire Academic Year Orchestra season** (weekly September-May, see orchestra pages at SYSO website for detailed schedule.)

Students or parents of any orchestra can sign up for this position.

A Rehearsal Assistant will receive a discount of **25% off annual tuition**. This discount can be added to a financial aid award, but it cannot be added to an orchestra secretary discount.

There are needs for Rehearsal Assistants at both Shoreline Conference Center and St. Mary's. This is a year-long commitment and attendance will be taken. *If a Rehearsal Assistant misses their time to assist twice during the year they will be in jeopardy of having the discount rescinded.*

If a student is interested in being a Rehearsal Assistant for community service credit in lieu of the 25% discount, please contact Janice Gatti, AYO Rehearsal Site Coordinator, at [janice@syso.org](mailto:janice@syso.org).

To view the schedule for helping to set up and tear down and to sign up to be Rehearsal Assistant [click HERE](#).

Any questions, contact Janice Gatti, AYO Rehearsal Site Coordinator, at [janice@syso.org](mailto:janice@syso.org).