

TUITION & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition

The total tuition amount invoiced is due in full by the scheduled tuition payment dates, regardless of the student's attendance at rehearsals or concerts. In other words, *a family will owe tuition for the entire year, even if their student does not participate in SYSO for one or more terms.*

To assist families, SYSO will accept payments in two parts:

- **October 20, 2023** - First half of tuition is due
- **January 19, 2024** - Second half of tuition is due

Families may choose to pay in full on the first payment date in October. Invoices will be sent at least one week prior to due dates. Sibling discounts (20% off tuition for the sibling with the lower tuition rate) will automatically be applied to your invoice. Rehearsal Assistant discounts will also be included in the invoice.

Families have the option to pay via two methods. Tuition can be paid through our online payment portals using a credit card, which has an added 2.49% fee, or through an ACH transfer, which has no added fees. Additionally, families can pay their tuition by mailing a check to the SYSO office. More details will be provided in your invoice.

2023-24 Tuition Rates

Prelude - \$1,350
Symphonette - \$1,425
Debut - \$1,425
Junior - \$1,725
Youth - \$2,150

Tuition Assistance

SYSO provides tuition assistance to ensure that financial resources are not a barrier to participation. Financial assistance decisions are made using an objective methodology for calculating a family's ability to contribute towards tuition. All information about families' financial situations is kept strictly confidential.

SYSO has ample financial aid available, and we encourage anyone who may need assistance to apply. The application

form is embedded in the orchestra placement email. If you did not apply for assistance, or if your situation has changed and you wish to apply at any point during the year, please email info@syso.org.

No Refund Policy

SYSO has a No Refund policy in regard to tuition. We plan for a student to commit to the entire orchestra year. The full tuition fee will be due and payable for the entire year regardless of the student's non-attendance at rehearsals or concerts.

In the event that an in-person rehearsal must be put on hold, SYSO is committed to continuing our services online during any possible limited quarantine periods and therefore we will not be refunding tuition for that time period.

Tuition Security Deposit

The credit card number used for the application fee will be kept on file for the purposes of the Tuition Security Deposit. No charges will be made to your account provided your tuition is paid in full by the due date(s). If full tuition has not been paid, the credit card on file will be automatically charged for the full tuition amount. SYSO staff will communicate clearly and consistently before we enact this final charge. We are here to help: If your situation requires re-evaluation for tuition assistance, let us know.

Rehearsal Assistant Discount

SYSO relies on the support of our community to prepare for rehearsals, making sure that all orchestra and sectional rooms are set up and ready for instruction. Rehearsal Assistants receive a discount of 25% off annual tuition. Students may opt to earn community service hours in lieu of a tuition discount. This discount can be added to the tuition assistance award, but it cannot be added to an orchestra secretary discount. Sign-ups are on a first-come-first-serve basis. If a Rehearsal Assistant misses their session time twice they will be in jeopardy of having the discount rescinded. A sign-up form is available on the SYSO Student Portal and through Orchestra Secretary Missives.