



Hawaii Youth Symphony

Financial Aid Program FAQ 2011 – 2012 Season

Why was the financial aid program established?

The Financial Aid Program was established over twenty-five years ago to offer all of HYS's young musicians an equal opportunity to participate in every aspect of the HYS program regardless of financial conditions. Because of state, corporate, and private donations, all HYS students receive "financial aid" of sorts. The registration fee required is only a fraction of the cost of running the HYS program, currently more than \$1,200 per student. However, HYS realizes there are families who still may find it difficult to cover the non-subsidized portion of the fee. The Financial Aid Program insures that all students will be able to benefit from our program.

Where do the funds come from?

The HYS Financial Aid Program has historically been funded from: The McInerny Foundation and ABC Stores. HYS submits proposals for these and other grants each year. The competition for grant monies is stiff and HYS cannot be certain what amount of funding will be awarded each year.

What expenses do these funds cover?

The financial aid program will subsidize financially deserving students on a reimbursement basis in one or more of the following ways:

1. Partial aid for private lessons: up to 15 lessons per semester up to \$15 per lesson.
2. Partial aid for registration fees: up to \$237.50 per person.
3. Partial aid for instrument rental fees: up to \$90 per season (only for instruments rented from HYS).
4. Partial aid for Neighbor Island students to travel to rehearsals and concerts.

On what factors are awards based?

Awards are based on financial need, not on the musical ability of the applicant. Consideration is given to each student's attitude and evidence of responsibility (i.e. rehearsal attendance and preparedness). We also consider the support a student recipient and his or her parents have shown for the HYS program. The majority of recipients make the most of what the Financial Aid Program can offer, as reflected by teacher evaluations. Most take their instruction seriously, practice daily, and make rapid progress. Out of hundreds of recipients, there have been only a few students in recent years whose subsidies have not continued at the recommendation of their music teachers because of poor preparation, tardiness and/or poor attitude. In these cases, the amounts allocated were given to an alternate applicant.

Can I declare my award as a scholarship award on my college application?

No. HYS's Financial Aid Program is not a scholarship program and should not be referred to as such. Selections are based on financial need and not musical ability.

How can I apply for financial aid?

Complete the application and return it to the office, with a copy of the first two pages of your 2010 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040) by Friday, September 23, 2011. More information may be requested from you at a later time to better assess your need.

Have more questions?

Please call our office at 941-9706 or e-mail admin@hiyouthsymphony.org.



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2011-2012 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

DEADLINE: Friday, September 23, 2011

PLEASE NOTE: Financial Aid funds are limited. In order to effectively award funds to musicians, the Financial Aid Committee asks that you seriously consider your need for assistance prior to submitting this application. Each applicant will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision. All information provided will be held in strictest confidence. HYS reserves the right to request additional information if needed. Please note:

No person shall receive 100% tuition assistance.

All musicians can expect to pay a minimum amount of 50% tuition to participate in HYS.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Phone _____ Group _____

Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____

School _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____

Father/Guardian

Mother/Guardian

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Marital Status		
Occupation		
Place of Employment		
Work Phone		
Work Fax		
Cellular Phone/Pager		
E-mail		

Please note: Checks will be issued to the student and mailed to the address listed above. If private lessons are included, the parents are responsible for paying the private teachers. All financial aid is on a reimbursement basis.

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Confidential Information

Student Name: _____

I am applying for assistance with: (You may check more than one)

- Private lessons**
up to \$225/semester
- Registration fees**
up to \$237.50
- Instrument rental**
up to \$90

Is this a single parent/guardian household? Yes No

Including the student, how many children under the age of 18 are living in your household? _____

Other dependents? Yes No Please Specify: _____

Do you qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Price School Meal Program? Yes No

Do you currently take private lessons? Yes No

Are there any special financial circumstances you feel the Committee should consider while evaluating your application? *Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

In order to be considered for financial aid, **please submit a copy of the first two pages of your 2010 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040)**. If married, but filing separately, please submit copies of each return.

I certify that the above information is true and correct. If awarded financial assistance, we agree to participate in a HYS orchestra for the full 2011 – 2012 season and understand that, if we do not fulfill this obligation, we will be asked to repay all financial aid funds awarded.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Mail completed application with a copy of the first two pages of your 2010 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040) by Friday, September 23, 2011 to:

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