

OLATHE YOUTH SYMPHONY

2023-24 SEASON
MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT
www.olatheyouthsymphony.org

OUR MISSION

The Olathe Youth Symphony (OYS) fosters advanced level musical opportunities for talented young musicians in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

OUR VISION

Empowering lives through music.

TERMS OF MEMERBSHIP IN OLATHE YOUTH SYMPHONY

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT: Each OYS member must participate in his/her school band or orchestra program. The Olathe Youth Symphony believes it is important for all members to participate in their school music programs, if available, and expects such participation except in the case of an unavoidable scheduling conflict. The Olathe Youth Symphony's purpose is to complement, not replace, our local school band or orchestra programs.

ATTENDANCE: If a member is absent from a rehearsal, they are required to report their absence PRIOR to 4:00 pm the day of rehearsal, through the **MEMBERS ONLY** section of the OYS website. Members are expected to be in attendance and on time at every scheduled rehearsal. To ensure that the ensembles can attain the highest of musical standards, the OYS conductors do not allow more than two unexcused absences per semester. We ask that you and your parents review the rehearsal schedule along with other planned activities on your calendar and note any conflicts. Please plan ahead! Keep in mind that your school band or orchestra performance schedule takes precedence over OYS rehearsals, however, OYS rehearsals should take priority over non-required school and non-school activities. The status of any member exceeding the allotted absences in a semester will be subject to review and possible dismissal from the organization. Use the online attendance form (**MEMBERS ONLY** section of website) to let OYS directors & staff know about absences/tardies.

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$220 Participation fee due on or before July 1st. (Philharmonic & Symphony Orchestras). Payments should be made by using the following link. <https://oys-member-application-2023-2024-copy.cheddarup.com> Late payments (unless previous arrangements have been made) will be assessed a \$20 late fee. If payment or correspondence is not made by July 15th, the prospective member will be removed from the roster. Alternate payment plan arrangements may be requested by contacting olatheyouthsymphony@gmail.com with your request prior to July 1, 2023. The \$220 participation fee is fully refundable through the first rehearsal. *After September 12, 2023 (day after the first rehearsal) no refunds will be given.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE: The quality of work that a performing ensemble accomplishes during its rehearsal is an extremely important factor in the overall success of the group. Efficient rehearsals produce SUPERIOR performances. In addition to regular attendance, the following factors will contribute to great rehearsals each week.

- **EQUIPMENT:** members must bring all their music, have a pencil at their stand, and make sure their instrument is always in good working order.
- **ATTITUDE:** A positive attitude will go a long way in helping everyone in the group reach their potential. Always enter the rehearsal room with the purpose of accomplishing musical goals and having fun. Self-discipline plays a large role in determining your attitude.
- **RESPECT:** When a large group of people work closely together it is important to always be respectful of each other and your music directors. This includes not creating distractions during rehearsals that might take the focus away from learning the music. **THE USE OF CELL PHONES DURING REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Members must always leave their phone in their cases and may only access them during breaks. Members who disregard the cell phone ban during rehearsals and performances will be subject to suspension and possible dismissal from the organization.

MUSIC: Music supplied to each OYS member is the sole property of the Olathe Youth Symphony. Music must be kept in good condition and returned when requested by the director. Lost, damaged, or stolen music may be assessed up to a \$4.00 replacement charge per musical selection.

CONCERT DRESS: The following is a guide to choosing attire for formal performances. The goal is a unified and professional appearance, so no performer should stand out or distract from the group's performance. Students not dressed appropriately for concert performances will not be allowed to perform. **Concert dress is strictly enforced.**

Please contact olatheyouthsymphony@gmail.com if you have any concerns or questions about concert dress.

- o Male: Black dress pants. White long sleeve tuxedo-style dress shirt. Black tuxedo-style coat encouraged for Symphony members, but not required. (Jacket is optional for Philharmonic members). Black bowtie (no patterns or other colors). Black socks and black dress shoes.
- o Female: All black ankle-length dress (no sequins/designs). Long sleeve or 3/4 sleeve; If dress does not meet sleeve requirement, black blazer or cardigan may be worn. Black shoes. (Make sure you will be able to walk across the stage in them.) Cello players may wear black pants with a black top if desired.

PHOTO/VIDEO AND ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASE: Pictures/videos and announcement regarding OYS members may be posted on the OYS website, OYS sponsored social media sites and YouTube Channels, and/or printed in OYS documents such as concert programs. Seldom are members names used except for OYS membership rosters; concert programs; special recognitions, such as awards, senior graduation, senior scholarships; and other avenues to highlight the accomplishments of OYS members. Questions or concerns regarding this release should be sent to olatheyouthsymphony@gmail.com

PARENT/MEMBER TERMS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Submission of your participation fee payment verifies that both member and parent agree to the terms stated in the above membership contract. **** Please Note: Return of this signed contract is NOT required.**

I, _____(parent) , have read the OYS Membership Contract. I will assist in seeing that the rules, requirements, responsibilities, and expenses are fulfilled. I will contact OYS directors for clarification if any questions arise. I will see that my student attends rehearsals, concerts, and all required activities.

I, _____(student member), have read the OYS Membership Contract. I understand my responsibilities and the consequences which may occur if I do not fulfill my responsibilities. I will ask OYS directors for clarification if any questions arise. I understand that all rules and regulations listed in the above contract must be followed or dismissal from the organization may result.