

**Competitions and Scholarships for
Akron Youth Symphony (AYS)
Lesson Subsidies for Akron Youth Philharmonic (AYP)
and Akron Youth Symphony (AYS)**

The Concerto Competition Scholarship, Summer Scholarships and Senior Scholarship are open only to current AYS members. Interested musicians must submit an application, but no additional fees are required.

***The Concerto Competition Scholarship** winner(s) may perform as soloist(s) at the discretion of the AYS Music Director with the Akron Youth Symphony on the final concert. The winner(s) will receive a monetary award as well.

***Summer Scholarships** are awarded annually to non-graduating AYS members for summer music study. Scholarships may be used for private study, tuition at a music camp, or another summer music activity which may include private lessons.

***The Senior Scholarship** is awarded to one graduating senior who has maintained membership in the Akron Youth Symphony for at least one semester prior to the competition. The winning senior will receive a scholarship to be applied towards music study at an institution of higher learning. It may be awarded at the Spring Concert.

Other AYS Scholarships Available

AYS Merit Scholarship (awarded to an AYS senior): This scholarship is presented to an AYS graduating senior who not only exemplifies leadership in AYS, but also in his or her school and community.

William J. Long Scholarships (awarded to AYS seniors): Established in memory of William J. Long, two awards are given to graduating AYS seniors who are seeking continued musical training at an institution of higher learning or professional summer music training program.

Scholarships Available for BOTH AYS & AYP Members

Private Lesson Subsidies (awarded to current AYS and AYP members): Each year, a limited number of Private Lesson Subsidies are awarded to deserving students.

All scholarships and subsidies will be paid directly to the private teacher, music camp, or institution of higher learning.

The Scholarship Committee is a subcommittee of the Education and Community Engagement Committee which is a committee of GAMA. The Scholarship Committee, with the advice of the directors of AYS and AYP, will select judges and approve the final decision for all scholarships and lesson subsidies.

Concerto, Summer Scholarship and Senior Scholarship Competitions

The Concerto Competition will be held January 14, 2017, in Guzzetta Recital Hall. All current AYS members are eligible to compete in the Concerto Competition.

By auditioning once, you may be considered for a scholarship as well as for the Concerto Competition.

General Guidelines

- **All forms must be received no later than December 11, 2016.**
- You may perform on an instrument other than the one you play in the AYS.
- Applicants must perform a single-movement work or one movement of a multi-movement work for solo instrument and orchestra of *no more than 12 minutes* duration. Judges reserve the right to end the performance after 12 minutes.
- Concerti for multiple solo instruments are permissible; however, all the soloists must meet the criteria for participation in the competition. Applicants may play a selection longer than 12 minutes solely at the discretion of the AYS Music Director.
- **An accompanist is *required* and must be provided by the applicant.**
- You must provide one copy of your music for **each** of the judges.
- Performers will be notified of the time of their performance and the number of judges. If you know of a scheduling conflict for that day, please enclose an additional note with your name and the times you will be UNAVAILABLE. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your scheduling needs. **You will be notified via email of your audition time.** The judges' decisions will be final, and the judges reserve the right to make no selection.
- The panel of judges will be selected with the guidance of the AYS Director.
- **The auditions are closed.** All parents and guests are asked to remain outside the audition room.

The **Concerto Competition** winner(s) may be featured at the discretion of the AYS Music Director on one of the remaining Akron Youth Symphony concerts, usually the final concert of the season.

- The conductor reserves the right to review the selection of the winner(s) based on availability of performance material and feasibility of performance by the orchestra.

The Summer Scholarships are awarded annually to non-graduating members for summer music study. This may include private study and/or tuition at a music camp or similar program.

The **Senior Scholarship** is awarded to one graduating senior of the Akron Youth Symphony. The winning senior will receive a scholarship that is to be applied towards music study at an institution of higher learning.

- **Applicants cannot apply for both scholarships**—apply for either the Summer Scholarship OR Senior Scholarship (if applicable).
- Each applicant must perform one movement of a sonata or concerto, or a single-movement work, of *no more than 12 minutes* in duration. Judges reserve the right to end the performance after 12 minutes. Applicants may play a selection longer than 12 minutes solely at the discretion of the AYS Music Director.
- *Use of an accompanist is required* when the piece requires one. *Applicants must provide their own accompanist.*

Please complete the application form, being sure to designate the competition or scholarship for which you are applying. Note: All recommendation letters must be from a non-family member. Please direct all questions regarding repertoire to the AYS Music Director or AYS Manager/Coordinator. For additional questions and information, please contact the Akron Symphony office (330) 535-8131.

AKRON YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE LESSON SUBSIDY and/or SCHOLARSHIPS

The Greater Akron Musical Association, parent organization of the Akron Youth Orchestras, annually awards a limited number of Private Lesson Subsidies and Scholarships to deserving students who are members of the Akron Youth Orchestras. Subsidies and scholarship awards are paid directly to the teachers of the recipients or the institution, upon completion of a verification form.

The following information must be completed in order to be eligible for consideration of lesson subsidies and/or scholarships. Recipients must be a member of the Youth Orchestras and may apply each year they are a member. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL:

Along with this application, please include:

1. Two recommendations, one of which must be from your school orchestra/band director or private teacher. If you are home schooled, one recommendation must be from someone familiar with your musical ability and need. All recommendations must be from a non-family member.
2. A statement by the applicant as to why he/she is deserving of the scholarship or lesson subsidy. This may include your musical activities, awards, and service to your school and/or the Youth Orchestras.
3. The most recent copy of your report card

I am applying for the following scholarship(s) and/or subsidy (you may indicate more than one):

- The Concerto Competition/Scholarship (AYS member only)
- Summer Scholarship (Returning AYS member only)
- Senior Scholarship (AYS Senior only)
- AYS Merit Scholarship (AYS Senior only)
- William J. Long Scholarship (AYS Senior Only)
- *Lesson Subsidy (Akron Youth Symphony or Akron Youth Philharmonic member)

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME _____ SEX (M/F) _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE _____

I am a member of _____ AYS _____ AYP

INSTRUMENT played in AYS or AYP _____

NAME of your School _____

BAND/ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S NAME _____

NAME OF PRIVATE TEACHER _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

*If you do NOT presently have a private teacher, please indicate the person from whom you would like to take lessons:

Proposed PRIVATE TEACHER _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Name and contact information of those recommending:

1. Name _____, relationship (e.g. Orchestra Director, Private teacher)

Address _____ Phone _____

2. Name _____, relationship (e.g. Orchestra Director, Private teacher)

Address _____ Phone _____

Total Annual Household Income (please check one):

- up to \$19,999 \$20,000 - \$39,999 \$40,000 - \$59,999 \$60,000 - \$79,999
 \$80,000 - \$99,999 \$100,000 and above

Number of children in your family studying a musical instrument privately: _____

Number of children under 18 years old living at home: _____

I/we understand the above stated guidelines of the Scholarships and Private Lesson Subsidy awards and verify that the information disclosed in this application is correct and accurate.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE – DECEMBER 11, 2016

Mail completed application to:
Akron Youth Symphony
92 North Main Street
Akron, OH 44308-1946

Checklist:

1. _____ Application
2. Two recommendations (From non-family members)
 - a. _____ (Orchestra/Band Director) (For homeschooled, include someone who knows your musical dedication and need)
 - b. _____ (Other recommendation)
3. _____ Student's statement
4. _____ Most recent report card