



2023-2024 Christine J. Cooper Lesson Assistance Scholarship Program

The Christine J. Cooper Lesson Assistance Program was established in 2018 by the family of Christine J. Cooper to support low-income families in paying for private lessons. The goals of the program are to provide opportunities for students who would otherwise be unable to afford lessons, to allow students to choose their instructor, to increase the diversity of the membership of the Spokane Youth Symphony, and to raise the overall caliber of all orchestras in the organization.

Eligibility & Application

Students who participate currently in any of the Spokane Youth Symphony orchestras and who qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the school year are eligible for assistance through the program. Students who wish to participate in the program must submit an application that includes a letter showing qualification for free/reduced meals. If this is not available, they may submit a statement of family income and household size. The application will also state the student's instrument and the name and mailing address of their instructor. A committee of the SYS Board of Directors will review and approve the applications.

IMPORTANT: The SYS family is responsible to locate a private teacher who will agree to the terms of the program. A private instructor list with phone numbers can be found at www.SpokaneYouthSymphony.org under SYS Family Information.

Note: Teachers who are listed on our website are not required to participate in this program. Instructor participation in the Christine J. Cooper Scholarship program is completely voluntary.

Lesson Schedule & Fees

The program will help pay for current 2023-2024 members of our orchestras who financially qualify for the scholarship for up to four lessons per month on a tiered basis as follows: (*NOTE: Private lessons may take place in an in-person or online format to qualify for the scholarship subsidy.*)

Strings and Sinfonietta orchestra members: four 30-minute lessons per month during the SYS season (September- May) at \$30/lesson. Students and their families will share the cost of the lessons.

Philharmonic orchestra members: four 45-minute lessons per month during the SYS season (September-May) at \$45/lesson. Students and their families will share the cost of the lessons.

Symphony Orchestra members: four 60-minute lessons per month during the SYS season (September-May) at \$60/lesson. Students and their families will share the cost of the lessons.

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Costs Per Lesson (Sept-May)

Orchestra	Qualification	Lesson Length	Family Contribution per lesson	SYS Contribution per lesson	Total to Instructor
Strings or Sinfonietta	For REDUCED-Price Meals Qualification	30 minutes	\$15	\$15	\$30
Strings or Sinfonietta	For FREE Meals Qualification	30 minutes	\$5	\$25	\$30
Philharmonic	For REDUCED-Price Meals Qualification	45 minutes	\$15	\$30	\$45
Philharmonic	For FREE Meals Qualification	45 minutes	\$5	\$40	\$45
Symphony Orchestra	For FREE Meals Qualification	60 minutes	\$15	\$45	\$60
Symphony Orchestra	For REDUCED-Price Meals Qualification	60 minutes	\$5	\$55	\$60

Reporting

Instructors will be required to submit a **monthly report online** for each student in their studio who participates in the program. The report will indicate:

- How many lessons were scheduled for the month (up to four allowed for reimbursement)
- How many times the student appeared for scheduled lessons
- Whether the student/family contribution has been paid

SYS will pay the instructor directly after receiving each month's report.

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Christine J. Cooper Scholarship 2023-2024 Private Instructor Agreement Form

This form is to be completed AFTER the student's application for the Christine J. Cooper Scholarship has been approved by SYS. The Instructor Form must be completed and submitted to SYS for the instructor to receive payments from SYS, which will be mailed following the month in which the lessons take place and after the monthly online report is submitted.

Instructor Full Name _____

Instructor Phone # _____

Instructor Email Address _____

Instructor Mailing Address _____

First and Last Name of Participating Student (must be a current member of an SYS orchestra)

In which orchestra is this student enrolled for the 2023-24 season?

- Strings
- Sinfonietta
- Philharmonic
- Symphony Orchestra (YSO)

I agree to participate in the Christine J. Cooper Scholarship program for the above-named student for the 2023-2024 year (Sept.-May). I agree to accept the terms of the program and provide a monthly online report to verify the student's participation and compliance with the terms (*which include timely payment of student/family portion of fees and regular attendance and participation in the scheduled private lessons.*)

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail or drop off form to SYS

Or scan and email to info@spokaneyouthsymphony.org

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