

**SPOKANE
YOUTH
SYMPHONY**
2026- 2027 Tuition Assistance Application

The Spokane Youth Symphony provides tuition assistance for members in need. Need is typically established by documented eligibility for the National School Lunch Program; alternative circumstances are also considered. Funds are limited, please apply early. Applicants will typically be notified of assistance awards within 15 days.

Student's Name	Age	Parent/Guardian Name(s)
Address		Parent Email(s):
		Parent Phone(s):
City, State, ZIP		Total Annual Income for household: \$
Instrument:		Number of adults in household:
		Number of children in household:
		Number of other dependents:
Orchestra: ☐ SYSO ☐ Philharmonic ☐ Sinfonietta ☐ Strings		Has your family received Tuition Assistance from SYS in the past? ☐ Yes If Yes, please list dates and amount of assistance:
Does student qualify for free or reduced lunch? ☐ Yes If so, please attach documentation.		

Please describe any special circumstances affecting need for tuition assistance. If necessary, attach a separate sheet.

Please sign the second page of form and submit with documentation of eligibility for Free and Reduced Lunch Program, or alternatively a copy of signed Federal Income Tax form (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ), or other documentation.

Tuition Assistance Policy

The Spokane Youth Symphony (SYS) strives to provide financial assistance to students in need so that they may benefit from orchestral experience that SYS provides.

A Tuition Assistance Application and signed Agreement is required for any family requesting help. Tuition assistance is limited to 50% of total tuition unless the Tuition Assistance Committee determines a financial hardship exists that warrants a greater award.

The balance of the tuition must be kept current by the person responsible for the account.

Assistance is non-transferable to another family member; please fill out one application for each student.

One or more of the following documents is required and should be enclosed with applications:

- Copy of current National School Lunch Program eligibility documentation;
- Copy of the most recent signed Federal Tax form (1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ);
- Statement of need from a community resource worker, pastor, or other proof of income.

Tuition assistance cannot be applied retroactively; it is in effect from the time of approval. Assistance does not continue from year to year; it must be renewed each academic year.

All information provided by applicants will be treated with confidentiality.

Spokane Youth Symphony Tuition Assistance Agreement

Please check if you are planning to do the following:

☐ We will be volunteering for a minimum of 9 hours this year

Tuition assistance recipients agree to:

- Pay any remaining balance after application of a Tuition Assistance award.
- Attend rehearsals, concerts and adhere to the conduct expected of SYS students.

Parent Signature and Date:

Student Signature and Date:



Spokane Youth Symphony 2026-2027 Tuition Rates

Orchestra	Monthly	Annual (includes \$100 discount*)
Suzuki Academy	\$75	\$575
Strings	\$75	\$575
Sinfonietta	\$85	\$665
Philharmonic	\$95	\$755
Symphony Orchestra	\$105	\$845

Please see the 2026-2027 SYS Handbook published online for more information.

2026-2027 National School Lunch Program Reference Chart:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES												
Effective from							July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027					
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS =		185%			FREE MEALS =		130%			
		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY		ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
	ANNUAL											
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES												
1	15,980	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568		20,748	1,729	865	798	399
2	21,640	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770		28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541
3	27,320	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972		35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683
4	33,000	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175		42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825
5	38,680	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377		50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967
6	44,360	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579		57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109
7	50,040	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781		65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
8	55,720	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983		72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393
For each additional family member, add	5,680	10,508	876	438	405	203		7,384	616	308	284	142