



2019-20 TRYPO Scholarship Application Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program.

REQUIREMENTS: In order to be eligible to receive need-based financial assistance, applying students must:

- Be a member of a TRYPO Program (YPO, Symphonette, Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, Apprentice Conducting Program) or a program administered by TRYPO (Youth Chamber Connection or YC² at Chautauqua Music Camps);
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Complete the attached application form (one form per family);
- Attach Form 1040 – 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (only first two pages needed – feel free to black out SS#);
- Include (or submit separately) one letter of recommendation from a private teacher.
(If siblings study with the same teacher, one letter is sufficient but it should equally address all siblings. If siblings study with different teachers, please submit one letter per teacher. E-mailed recommendations are acceptable)

WHAT FACTORS INTO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Household income and household size are the primary factors, along with details about extenuating factors that may not be reflected in a tax return. Returning students' awards can receive some additional consideration from the student and family's participation level, preparation, and attendance from the previous year. Award recommendations (without any identifying information) are reviewed by a committee from the TRYPO Board of Directors. The resulting awards are then e-mailed to the applying families.

TUITION DEPOSIT: All families requesting financial aid are required to submit a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$50 per program, which is the minimum balance due for even the highest scholarship award.

MUSICIANS' ASSISTANCE FUND: This Fund can assist students with small awards for expenses related to their music education, such as private lessons, instrument maintenance, accompanist fees, application fees, etc. Students who qualify for the highest level of financial assistance, will be eligible to apply for additional small awards from this fund, based on recommendation from their private teacher. More information will be provided the award notification letter.

APPLICATION TIMELINE: Submission deadlines vary by program. If requesting assistance for two or more programs, please submit complete application by the earliest deadline (see application timeline below). Scholarship awards will be communicated via e-mail. If you don't receive an e-mail by the respective award notification date, please contact us.

PROGRAM	SUBMISSION DEADLINE	AWARD NOTIFICATION DATE
❖ YPO/Symphonette/WS tuition; ❖ YPO Mini Camp/SYM Day	August 7, 2019	August 15, 2019
❖ Youth Chamber Connection [YC ²]	September 28, 2019	October 5, 2019
❖ Percussion Ensemble ❖ Apprentice Conductor Program	TBA (Fall 2019)	TBA (Fall 2019)
❖ YC ² at Chautauqua Music Camps	After receiving confirmation	[ongoing enrollment]

Please submit complete applications, along with the required items listed above,
via one of the following methods:

Mail: Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras Attn: Scholarships 212 Ninth Street Suite 601 Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Fax: 412-391-0527	E-mail: staff@trypo.org (scanned document must include signatures.)
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NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS FORM? Please don't hesitate to contact us at 412-391-0526 or staff@trypo.org

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Some additional, **strictly confidential**, information will be needed for the scholarship committee to fairly allocate our limited resources. In order to keep TRYPO accessible to all, please give serious consideration to how much assistance you need.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Instrument: _____ How long has the student played this instrument? _____ years

Private Teacher Name: _____ # Years Studying with this Private Teacher: _____ years

More than one child? Please include/attach on a separate sheet answers for each child.

Did your household receive financial aid last season? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, was the balance due a hardship for your family last year? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s) _____

Mother's occupation: _____

Mother's Employer: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Father's Employer: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Annual total **gross** family income, from all sources: _____
(Please attach a copy of your 2018 Federal Tax Return)

Number of children in the family: _____

Ages of all children living at home, including applicant _____

Other dependents? (Specify): _____

Please describe any other personal financial issues or special circumstances that you feel the Scholarship Committee should consider when determining scholarship awards. This is critical information if your tax return does not reflect your current circumstances! *(Attach additional paper if necessary.)*

Select the program(s) for which you are requesting financial assistance and the amount requested. Please note that even the top scholarship award will still have at minimum a balance due of \$50 per enrolled program.

YPO ☐ Symphonette ☐ Wind Symphony ☐ YPO Mini Camp/SYM Day ☐ Percussion Ensemble ☐

Youth Chamber Connection [YC²] ☐ Apprentice Conductor Program ☐ YC² at Chautauqua Music Camps ☐

Are there other possible sources of financial assistance for this season's tuition? *(i.e., other scholarships, a parent who may not live with the child full-time, grandparents, crowdfunding, church, etc.)*

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, approximately how much assistance could they provide? _____

How much financial aid are you hoping to receive from TRYPO? _____
(Please think about this question thoughtfully and do your best to answer a specific number.)

I/We certify that all of the information in this application is true and correct. In accepting financial assistance from TRYPO, I/we agree to abide by all the applicable terms and conditions required to participate in the above selected program(s). I/we agree to commit to participate in the above selected program(s) for the entire season, to actively participate in all fundraising efforts, in addition to any other types of assistance, such as setting up or breaking down rehearsal rooms, etc.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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