



Audition Information

Audition Dates:

May, August, October, January

Audition Application fee ~ \$25 payable to NISO

Auditions are held at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)

To schedule an audition time and download audition music, go to:

www.nisorchestra.org -> Youth Orchestra link -> How do I Apply?

No decision will be made without Teacher Recommendation

ELIGIBILITY (Including Home Schooled Students):

- ♫ Play an orchestral instrument (Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion)
- ♫ All students are expected to take private lessons
- ♫ Enrolled in a curricular school/district instrumental music program (where available)
- ♫ Age/Grade Requirements:
 - **String Players:** Students between 8th grade through age 22 in the 2024-25 academic year.
 - **Winds, Brass, Percussion:** Students between 9th grade through age 22 in the 2024-25 academic year.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INSTRUMENTS:

- ♫ Scales - through 4 flats and sharps (major)
 - one or two octaves for winds and brass
 - two or three octaves for strings
- ♫ 4 minutes of contrasting material from student's repertoire (Solo or Etude)
- ♫ Excerpt(s) for your specific instrument listed on the Youth Orchestra Web Page
- ♫ Sight Reading

Auditions are approximately 15 minutes in length.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: Weekly rehearsals are on Sundays (2:00-5:00pm) from the end of August through May. They are held at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts (CVPA), 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. The rehearsal schedule closely follows the academic calendars of the public schools in Northwest Indiana.

TUITION: Tuition is \$450 per year payable at the first rehearsal (or \$250 for the spring semester only). A fundraising component is required. Applications for partial scholarships are available and are due by the third Sunday in September (applications for the spring semester only are due upon acceptance into the orchestra).



Youth Orchestra Application

Audition Date: _____

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Please bring a completed application to your audition and a \$25 check made payable to:

Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra or NISO

To schedule and audition time or download audition music, go to:

www.nisorchestra.org and click on the Youth Orchestra link.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Instrument: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____

Fall Grade: _____ Years Playing Instrument: _____ Chair in School Orchestra/Band: _____

School: _____ School Conductor: _____

Current Private Teacher: _____ Years of Private Lessons: _____

Private Teacher Phone or E-mail: _____

This is my: 1st audition for the Youth Orchestra 2nd audition for the Youth Orchestra

District/Regional Music Contest ~ Solo Rating: _____ Group/Ensemble Rating: _____

State Music Contest Rating ~ Solo Rating: _____ Group/Ensemble Rating: _____

*****On the reverse side, please write a brief statement of your commitment and reasons for wishing to join this orchestra.*****
 (If you would like to list other awards and honors you have received, please do so on the back of this page.)

Parent's Names: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

*I understand that if my child is accepted in to the Youth Orchestra, I will be responsible to pay the annual Tuition of \$400 at the first rehearsal (\$250 for the spring semester only). Failure to do this may result in my child's dismissal from the orchestra. ****A limited number of partial scholarships are available ~Application deadline is third Sunday in September (or upon acceptance for spring semester only).*

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Student Name: _____

No Decision will be made if Teacher Recommendation is not completed!

Orchestra / Band Director Recommendation

(To be completed by private instructor if you are not in a school orchestra or band)

Please evaluate the student's achievement in relationship to their peers with the following scale:

1-Superior, 2-Good, 3-Average, 4-Still Learning, 5-Unfamiliar to Student

All Instruments:

- _____ Rhythmic Accuracy
- _____ Intonation
- _____ Tone Quality
- _____ Projection
- _____ Variety of Articulations
- _____ Overall improvement from last year
- _____ Attitude
- _____ Leadership Qualities
- _____ Level of Responsibility

Strings Only:

- _____ Bow Control
- _____ Spicatto
- _____ Vibrato
- _____ 3rd Position
- _____ 1/2 & 2nd Positions
- _____ 5th (4th) Position
- _____ Advance Positions

We welcome any additional comments you may have.

Thank you for your recommendation and support!

Teacher Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

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