

Santa Rosa Symphony Institute for Music Education
2024-2025 Financial Aid Packet



Dear Financial Aid Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Music Education programs sponsored by the Santa Rosa Symphony Association. Need-based financial aid is available depending on donated funds. Requests for financial aid are kept confidential.

The current Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensemble (SRSYE) guidelines (attached) reflect the State of California Department of Education's definition of financial need. (*Please note: the 2024-2025 guidelines are not yet available.*) Families whose income falls within the guidelines are encouraged to apply to the program. If your income exceeds the published guidelines, but you have debts or special circumstances that should be considered, you may still apply for assistance. However, you will need to specify the reasons in the *Explanations and Special Circumstances* section on page 4 of this application packet.

Completed applications must be postmarked by the deadline dates listed at the top of page 3. Financial aid may be available after these dates, but it is not guaranteed. Requests for financial aid are processed after the deadline in the order in which the completed applications are received. Only one application is required per year.

To apply, please follow these instructions:

1. Complete the financial aid application.
2. Attach a signed copy of the family's 2023 federal income tax (1040) form. A copy of the family's Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals for School Year 2024-2025 may be submitted if a federal income tax document is not available.
3. Attach a non-refundable deposit of \$50. This deposit will be applied toward tuition.
4. Registration forms for the program/orchestra for which you are applying.

Make checks payable to the Santa Rosa Symphony. Please list your musicians' names in the memo section of the check. Credit card payments are also accepted. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

Please mail all application materials and tuition payments to:

Santa Rosa Symphony, ATTN: Music Education
50 Santa Rosa Ave, Ste. 410
Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

If you have any questions, please email Wendy Cilman, Director of Education, at wcilman@srsymphony.org.

Please keep this page for your reference.

**Santa Rosa Symphony Music Education Department
2024-2025 Financial Aid Eligibility Guidelines**

(Based on the California Department of Education Guidelines located at
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/rs/scales2324.asp>)

Participants from households with annual incomes indicated by the following levels are eligible for a reduction in SRSYE tuition. If your income exceeds the published guidelines, but you have debts or special circumstances that should be considered, or your income level is close to the published levels, you may still apply for assistance. However, you will need to specify the reasons for requesting financial aid in the section titled *Explanations and Special Circumstances* on page 4 of the application. An award is not guaranteed for Special Circumstances.

# IN HOUSEHOLD	INCOME SCALE I (2023)	INCOME SCALE II (2023)
1	no more than \$18,954	no more than \$26,973
2	no more than \$25,636	no more than \$36,482
3	no more than \$32,318	no more than \$45,991
4	no more than \$39,000	no more than \$55,500
5	no more than \$45,682	no more than \$65,009
6	no more than \$52,364	no more than \$74,518
7	no more than \$59,046	no more than \$84,027
8	no more than \$65,728	no more than \$93,536

For each additional family member, add:

+\$6,682

+\$9,509

INCOME SCALE I:

If family income falls within this scale, 65-75% tuition may be awarded to each SRSYE member in a family.

INCOME SCALE II:

If family income falls within this scale, 40-50% tuition may be awarded to each SRSYE member in a family.

INCOME SCALE III:

If family income is \$2,000 or more above scale II, *and* the statement shows significant extenuating circumstances, 15-25% tuition may be awarded to each SRSYE member in a family.

INCOME SCALE IV:

If family income is \$2,000 or more below scale I, *and* the statement shows significant extenuating circumstances, 75-100% tuition may be awarded to each SRSYE member in a family.

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Santa Rosa Symphony Music Education Department Financial Aid Application

This application is for (check all that apply):

- Summer Music Academy** (priority deadline is June 1)
- String Orchestra Workshop** (priority deadline is September 1)
- Debut Youth Orchestra** (priority deadline is September 1)
- Aspirante Youth Orchestra** (priority deadline is September 1)
- Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra** (priority deadline is September 1)
- Young People's Chamber Orchestra** (priority deadline is September 1)
- Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra Tour** (priority deadline is September 1)

Student's Name(s)*: A. _____ Age: _____
(Last name) (First name)

B. _____ Age: _____
(Last name) (First name)

*[If more than two children are applying for aid, provide additional information on a second page.]

Parent's Name(s): A. _____

B. _____

Address: _____
(Street address)

_____ Phone: (____) _____
(City, State, Zip)

Email address(es): _____

1. PARENTS' ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (line 11 from form 1040):

	<i>Year 2023*</i>	<i>Estimated 2024</i>
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

*(as reported on 2023 tax return) (If you anticipate a decrease, please explain in section 5)

2. EXEMPTIONS (form 1040):

_____ Total number of exemptions anticipated in the 2024 tax year, including parents and all other dependents.

_____ Of the number listed above, how many are SRSYE student musicians?

3. ATTACH A SIGNED COPY OF THE PARENTS' 2023 FEDERAL INCOME TAX (1040) FORM.

(Please note that your application will not be processed unless it is accompanied by a copy of the requested form. If you have not filed for 2023, please provide information for 2022 and estimates for both 2023 and 2024.)

Please submit this page.

4. EXPLANATIONS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Use the space below to clearly explain debts or special circumstances that may have a bearing on this application. This information is especially helpful when last year’s tax returns do not reflect the anticipated income for the upcoming year, or where expenses were exceptionally high for a given year, please explain in detail and attach any documents that verify your statements.

Certification

I/we certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. I agree to include a copy of my/our signed 2023 Federal income tax (1040 or 1040A) form, being guaranteed by the Santa Rosa Symphony that the information will be kept confidential. I understand incomplete applications will not be processed.

Student’s signature

Date

Student’s signature

Date

Parent’s signature

Date

Please mail your completed application, the signed copy of your 2023 Federal Income Tax (1040 or 1040A) Form to:
Santa Rosa Symphony, ATTN: Music Education, 50 Santa Rosa Ave., Ste. 410, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Please submit this page.