



CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

2024-2025 Application for a Merit Award in Musicianship and Performance

Thank you for your interest in the California Youth Symphony Association's Merit Award in Musicianship and Performance. If you are a member of the Senior Orchestra, Associate Orchestra, or Wind Symphony – or plan to audition for these groups and are admitted – and play a difficult to find instrument as defined by the Music Director or the Wind Symphony Director, you are eligible to apply. Awards will be given in the form of tuition (and/or tour discounts for Senior Orchestra) in order to recognize exceptionally gifted and committed players who play hard to find instruments, and who are seeking to further develop their skills playing these instruments. Please be aware that if you have qualified for financial aid in the form of tuition assistance, then CYS is not able to provide you any additional discounts this year; however, you will be recognized if you receive an award.

Completed applications must be submitted by June 30 of each year*. Announcements of the awards will be made by July 31.

*Applications after the deadline will be considered depending on the availability of the funds.

To apply:

1. Complete the application and be sure it is signed by both the student and parent.
2. Be sure you have completed the registration forms for the Senior Orchestra, Associate Orchestra, or Wind Symphony.
3. An audition video is required as is the completion of all questions on page 2 of this application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please upload all application materials to this [LINK](#)

If you have any questions, please email info@cys.org.

CYS Merit Award in Musicianship and Performance Application

Student's Name:

_____ Age: _____
(Last name), (First name)

Student's email: _____

Instrument(s):

- [Instrument A]
- [Instrument B]
- [Instrument C]
- [Instrument D]

Parent/Guardian's Name(s):

Parent/Guardian 1 _____

Parent/Guardian 2 _____

Address:

(Street address)

_____ Phone: _____

(City, State, Zip)

Parent/Guardian's email address(es): _____

Each student must submit a 400-500 word essay on the following page(s). Please explain the following:

- 1. Why do you believe you would be a good candidate for a Merit Award?**
- 2. Describe the instrument you play, how long you have played it and any achievements you have earned as a musician.**
- 3. Explain how this award will show your continued commitment to CYS and will also offer you a path to further developing your skill in playing this instrument.**
- 4. Add any other information you think is important to include.**

Certification

I/we certify that we support our child in this application for a Merit Award.

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's signature (if applicable)

Date

