

Tuition Costs and Policy

09-10

Students joining NYSO in September are expected to commit to membership for the full year. Tuition payment for the full year (two semesters) is due by October 5, 2009. This billing cycle has been set to ensure the cash flow necessary to pay salaries. Should you wish to pay some or all of the tuition in advance, you may do so either in person at auditions or by mail during the summer. Students choosing not to return for the second semester will not receive a refund.

Families who wish to set up a payment plan must send their plan proposal to the office for approval by October 5.

Deposit Required (New this year)

Once notified, a \$100 *non-refundable* tuition down payment (for each student) will be due by July 15, 2009 in order to hold each student's place. This amount will be deducted from the total ensemble fee that is due for each student. For all new families, this down payment is refundable in total up through the third rehearsal, after which time it will become non-refundable. This gives all new families an opportunity to try out NYSO to insure it is a good fit for their children.

For those who audition after June, the \$100 down payment will be due at the time of acceptance into NYSO. **Returning families and those who are assured of placement, should they wish to pay the down payment at auditions, may do so.**

As in the past, the student fee is made up of two parts:

1. A tuition fee determined by the ensemble in which your child participates
2. **Each NYSO family** is expected to participate in our annual program ad book fundraiser, and is responsible for sales of a minimum of \$150 worth of ads. You may meet this obligation in several ways: three small ads meet the requirement, as does a combination of a small ad and a medium ad, or even just one larger-sized ad. Also, if you would prefer not to solicit businesses at all, you may purchase the ad space yourself, or simply pay the \$150.

Scholarships/Financial Assistance

NYSO does not turn away any qualified student due to inability to pay. Financial assistance for membership fees is available through NYSO. Scholarship assistance is available upon request, and tuition reduction forms are available at auditions or by contacting the office and requesting an application form. Families may also submit for approval, a payment plan that meets their budget needs.

Applicants for financial assistance are required to send copies of their 1040 tax forms from the previous year, along with a letter requesting assistance, to the Executive Director of NYSO. Please call the office for an application form. **Each application will be dealt with on an individual basis and will be kept confidential.**

Fees for students joining mid-year

Prior to November 5	Full year tuition
After November 6	$\frac{3}{4}$ of the annual tuition
After December 29	Full semester tuition
After February 28	Half of semester tuition

Students entering second semester will pay the fee listed above, plus \$75 to fulfill the ad book requirement.

Annual Fund Options

Tuition fees do not cover the full costs of NYSO. The difference is made up in several ways, including program ad-book revenues, raffle/silent auction proceeds, grants, and our Annual Fund appeal each spring. To receive the tax benefits for your annual fund donation before year's end, you may mail it at any time before December 31, 2009.

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***The ad book requirement is per family. Families may reduce the total cost of participation in NYSO by obtaining \$150 worth of ads for our ad book. The ad book campaign will take place mid-September to October.**

****There is a \$50 discount for members of more than one ensemble.**

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Prelude and Overture String Ensembles

Tuition	\$350
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$500

Intermezzo Orchestra

Tuition	\$450
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$600

Symphony Orchestra

Tuition	\$550
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$700

Wind Ensemble

Tuition	\$550
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$700

Students who are part of both Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra pay just one fee of \$550 plus the \$150 ad book requirement (\$700.)

Flute Choir**

Tuition	\$400
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$550

Select Flute Choir**

Tuition	\$475
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$625

Clarinet Choir**

Tuition	\$400
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$550

NYSO Chorale

Tuition	\$425
Ad Book Requirement*	<u>\$150</u>
Total	\$575