



# NORWALK YOUTH SYMPHONY

## FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES

Our Mission. It is our mission to provide high quality music education and experiences to students and families that is affordable and accessible. We fulfill this mission by providing need based financial aid for NYS orchestra, private lesson and chamber music tuition made available from local contributors and the Memorial and Ramer Funds. Financial assistance is available to all members of the orchestra regardless of age, ability or length of time of membership in the orchestra.

Our Financial Aid. In keeping with our commitment to providing high quality music education, we provide need based financial assistance through the following methods or any combination thereof.

- Tuition grants for NYS and Chamber Music Program
- Private music lesson grants
- Ticket waiver (for minimum family ticket purchases)

Students whose families are at or below 250% of the attached federal guidelines may qualify for a full orchestra grant. Moreover, students whose families are above the 250% but at or below 400% of said guidelines may qualify for a partial orchestra grant. Partial or full orchestra grant students may also qualify for private lesson grants during the school year at approved private teaching studios. In addition to the federal guidelines, award of these grants is based on available family assets, monthly expenses, the student's commitment to NYS and his/her instrument as well as the special considerations listed below.

In awarding financial aid, special consideration will be given to unemployed and single parents. Moreover, special family circumstances including financial hardship due to medical need or disability, support of extended family, college tuition burdens and multiple family participants in NYS will also be considered. The student's commitment to NYS and/or his/her music lessons will also be taken into consideration in determination of the awards. To this end, the scholarship committee may consult with either the student's private and/or public school teacher and will require progress reports from teachers before additional payments are made.

Volunteer Service Requirement for Aid Recipients. Financial award recipients must volunteer a minimum of 10 hours at NYS. Such service can be performed during rehearsal snack time, chaperoning concerts, at the boutique or other NYS events.

Financial Aid Application Review Process. Families requiring assistance must complete the NYS Financial Aid Form and return it at the first rehearsal or by September 10, 2016 to the NYS office, 71 East Avenue, Unit N, Norwalk, CT 06851. Such information will be reviewed by the financial aid committee made up of the NYS Chairman, Treasurer and Executive Director. Applicants may be required to supply additional information as deemed necessary by the committee. Applications may also be made during the year if family financial circumstances change.

## 2017 Federal Poverty Level Chart

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) issues poverty guidelines that are often referred to as the “federal poverty level” (FPL).

House hold Size	<u>100%</u>	<u>138%</u>	<u>150%</u>	<u>200%</u>	<u>250%</u>	<u>300%</u>	<u>400%</u>
<b>1</b>	\$12,060	\$16,643	\$18,090	\$24,120	\$30,015	\$36,180	\$48,240
<b>2</b>	\$16,240	\$22,411	\$24,360	\$32,480	\$40,600	\$48,720	\$64,960
<b>3</b>	\$20,420	\$28,180	\$30,630	\$40,840	\$51,050	\$61,260	\$81,680
<b>4</b>	\$24,600	\$33,948	\$36,900	\$49,200	\$61,500	\$73,800	\$98,400
<b>5</b>	\$28,780	\$39,716	\$43,170	\$57,560	\$71,950	\$86,340	\$115,120
<b>6</b>	\$32,960	\$45,485	\$49,440	\$65,920	\$82,400	\$98,880	\$131,840
<b>7</b>	\$37,140	\$51,253	\$55,710	\$74,280	\$92,850	\$111,420	\$148,560
<b>8</b>	\$41,320	\$57,022	\$61,980	\$82,640	\$103,300	\$123,960	\$165,280