

Letter of Agreement

I. Attendance Policy (abridged)

- WYSO allows only two (2) absences during the first concert cycle, two (2) during the second cycle, and two (2) during the final cycle.

Regardless of the reason for my absence, if I am absent for more than the allotted number of rehearsals during a given concert cycle, my conductor may dismiss me from performing in the respective concert. My conductor also may adjust seating assignments based on my attendance and punctuality. WYSO reserves the right to dismiss a member due to lack of commitment as demonstrated by attendance.

- Attendance is required at all WYSO orchestra and ensemble concerts in which you are expected to perform. An absence from a concert without reasonable excuse is probable cause for dismissal from the WYSO program.

II. School Participation (abridged)

- As a WYSO member, I am expected, and strongly encouraged, to participate in my school orchestra, band or strings program. Participation in scheduled activities of my school orchestra or band should always take precedence over WYSO.

Only occasionally do WYSO members opt not to participate in their school orchestra or band for a given year. In such cases, members are required to notify the WYSO executive director, in writing, of their plans.

III. Musical Notes Fundraising Participation

- As a WYSO member, I am expected to participate in the Musical Notes Family Fundraising Campaign and meet the \$150 fundraising goal through one or more of the fundraising options (online fundraising, letter writing, festival volunteering, raffle ticket sales, practice-a-thon, etc.). Gifts to the Musical Notes campaign help to fund all aspects of WYSO's music programs.

IV. Code of Conduct

- As a member of the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras, I am an "ambassador" for the entire organization; my behavior reflects upon the entire group. I am expected to use good manners, display common courtesy and show consideration for others. I understand that a successful WYSO experience requires a cohesive group wherein each individual accepts and follows the same standards of behavior.

- WYSO is dedicated to educating a diverse and changing student body. WYSO affirms its commitment to a community in which all students and staff are accepted and judged as individuals, independent of ancestry, social background, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, physical characteristics, or personal beliefs.

V. Payment of Tuition

- I understand that payment of tuition should be completed by Friday, August 11, 2023, OR in two installments postmarked by Friday, August 11 and Tuesday, September 5, 2023. If this payment timetable does not fit my personal circumstances, I understand that I can set up a payment plan with WYSO prior to the first rehearsal in lieu of the above schedule. Any payment not made by its due date will incur a \$50 late fee. Failure to pay the full balance of my tuition before the final concert could preclude me from performing.

VI. 2023-2024 WYSO Media Release

- Throughout the 2023-2024 concert season, musicians may be highlighted in efforts to promote the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras (WYSO) activities and achievements. For example, musicians may be featured in grant applications and/or increase public awareness of WYSO through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures and other types of media.
 - WYSO and its employees, representatives and authorized media organizations may print, photograph and record my child for use in audio, video, film, or any other electronic, digital and printed media.
 - This is with the understanding that neither WYSO nor its representatives will reproduce said photograph, interview or likeness for any commercial value or receive monetary gain for use of any reproduction/broadcast of said photograph or likeness.
 - Parents/Guardians will not receive monetary compensation for my child's participation.
- As of the 2023-2024 season, WYSO implemented an "opt-out" media procedure. This means that **unless your child has a signed Opt-Out Media Release Form on file, your child's photo/image/interview may be used in any of the prior stated media capacities.**
- If you **do not** wish to give permission for your child to be included in materials used for the above purposes, please download and submit the **Opt-Out Media Release Form** in your WYSO portal (to obtain the form via email, please email wyso@wysomusic.org). *You do not need to complete the Opt-Out Media Release form if you wish to allow your child to participate in promotional efforts.*