

# GREAT FALLS YOUTH ORCHESTRA MEMBERSHIP POLICIES

## MEMBERSHIP AND TUITION

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MEMBERSHIP in the Great Falls Youth Orchestra is subject to the following regulations:

- All members are expected to be enrolled in private lessons.
- Members who have graduated from high school are encouraged to, but not required to, study privately.
- Members are required to participate in their school band or orchestra (where applicable).

TUITION for the Great Falls Youth Orchestra is:

- \$150 per year or \$80 per semester per student
- Tuition checks should be made to: the Great Falls Symphony or GFSA
- A limited number of Founding Partner Fee Waivers are available each semester. Students apply for these tuition waivers by submitting an application at the beginning of the semester

## REHEARSALS

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**REHEARSALS are held Sundays from 4:00-5:30 on stage at the Mansfield Theater in the Great Falls Civic Center.**

- Plan to arrive early for rehearsal to unpack, warm up, and greet your colleagues.
- Remember to bring all music, mutes, etc. as well as a pencil to all rehearsals.
- Please no food, drink, or guests at rehearsal.
- Occasionally we will rehearse in a different location due to conflicts with scheduling in the hall. These changes are generally made well in advance and will be announced at rehearsal, listed on the printed schedule, and noted on the web site. Call the orchestra manager if you have questions about rehearsal locations.

## WHO DO I CALL?

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For all questions related to the general operation of the orchestra call the orchestra manager:

Lucas Poe-Kiser - 406.453.4102 or email [lucas@gfsymphony.org](mailto:lucas@gfsymphony.org)

## ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT

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**ATTENDANCE is required at all rehearsals and concerts. If you must miss a rehearsal, call the orchestra manager in advance and explain the reason for your absence.**

- Two unexcused absences are cause for dismissal from the orchestra.
- Two unexcused tardy infractions are recorded as one unjustified absence.
- Excused absences include sickness, death in the family, religious activities, required school events, and family vacations.
- Attendance at dress rehearsals is required for all concert performances.
- Failure to appear for any concert without justifiable excuse will result in the automatic dismissal from the orchestra for the next semester.

## RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT

An expectation of the Great Falls Youth Orchestra is that its members display courtesy and exhibit upstanding behavior at any event related to the orchestra.

## MUSIC AND FOLDERS

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MUSIC used by the orchestra is purchased, rented, or borrowed. Therefore, all music must be handled with care.

- All orchestra members should use the burgundy-colored folders provided at the beginning of the season.
- Notations on music may be made lightly and only with a #2 pencil.
- Under the following circumstances the player will be required to pay a \$3 replacement fee for EACH piece of music:
  - \* When the music is not returnable due to excessive damage, markings, etc.
  - \* When replacement music is requested.
  - \* When music is lost.

There will be a charge if an assigned music folder is not returned.



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The Great Falls Youth Orchestra is north central Montana's premiere performing arts organization for students. Coming together to rehearse on Sunday afternoons in the beautiful Mansfield Theater, members of the Youth Orchestra have the opportunity to explore exciting pieces of symphonic music with like-minded peers. They make friends, build relationships, play music and learn something in the process. Enclosed are the expectations and policies of the Youth Orchestra. If you have questions about anything related to the GFYO, don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Symphony staff at 453-4102.