

RFYO Scholarship Application 2023-24

Please submit this completed application and supporting tax form(s) to rfyouthorchestra@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 503, Carbondale, CO 81623 by **August 11th**.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact Email: _____

Parent contact phone number: _____

If you have more than one child in the RFYO, please write the additional name(s) here:

Are you applying for financial aid for private lessons or lessons and RFYO tuition?

- Only for private lessons Both lessons and RFYO tuition

Private Teacher Name (or note if you do not have a teacher):

Tuition Scholarships

Regular RFYO tuition is \$500 for the school year. Discounted tuition for registering by August 11th is \$450. Everyone is welcome to pay in installments. The first payment is due by September 1st and full payment is due by May 1st.

If you are applying for a scholarship for RFYO tuition, what amount are you able to pay for the school year? For families with more than one child, please include the amount **per child** here, not the total. If you are not applying for tuition scholarship, you can leave this question blank.

I am able to pay \$_____ per child in tuition for the school year.

Private Lessons Scholarships

Private lessons without financial aid cost on average \$40 (for 30 minutes) and \$60 (for 45 minutes) per lesson and \$80 (for an hour).

What amount are you able to pay per lesson (per child) for lessons that are mostly weekly (3-4 lessons per month)? Younger children are generally in shorter lessons.

\$_____ per lesson

Tax forms and income information

You are required to submit a copy of your 2022 tax return, if you file taxes. Are you able to submit a copy of your tax return?

Yes No

Multiple parent households filing separate returns should submit both forms. If you have not yet filed your 2022 taxes you may substitute your 2021 return. Please email this to rfyouthorchestra@gmail.com along with this completed form. Scans or clear phone photos work fine, or copies can be mailed.

PLEASE CROSS OUT ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Did you file a joint or individual tax return last year? *

Joint Individual

If you do not file taxes, or are unable to supply a tax form, please note/explain that here: *

Total household income for most recent tax year (AGI): _____

Parent/Guardian Employment: _____

Parent/Guardian Monthly Gross Pay: _____

Additional Parent/Guardian Employment: _____

Additional Parent/Guardian Monthly Gross Pay: _____

Number of children/dependents in household (this does not include you and/or your spouse): _____

Do you own or rent your primary residence?

Rent Own

Do you currently qualify for and receive any other scholarships (school lunch programs, sports etc...) that would help the committee determine financial need? Did you participate in Beginning Strings last year and receive a scholarship there? If yes, how much did you pay per year?

Do you currently have any financial obligations that impact your ability to pay tuition or lesson costs that you would like to note? This could include college tuition for an older sibling, extensive medical bills, student loans etc...

Do you have any changes to income or employment that are not reflected in your most recent tax return? Or have you experienced any financial difficulties that impact your ability to afford tuition/lessons?

Please note how you support your child in their lessons, practicing at home, youth orchestra or past musical ensembles. Please note your child's commitment to playing their instrument, especially if they are also involved in many other activities or sports.

Please state why you are requesting financial aid or include any additional information here.

I have read and agree to the following Financial Aid Agreement and the information about scholarships. The information included in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Financial Aid Agreement — Active Participation in Lessons and RFYO

(Please keep a copy of this page and the following information page.)

The success of the RFYO scholarship program depends on students being consistent in their lessons, practice, and rehearsal attendance and their parent's ongoing encouragement and support. The RFMS reserves the option of revoking a scholarship if a recipient is not meeting these goals.

Student scholarship requirements:

1. Attendance is required at all RFYO rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and concerts. Excused absences must be approved in advance of the rehearsal.
2. Students are required to participate in all Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra performances.
3. Students are expected to follow the lesson policies of their teacher, including the rescheduling and canceling of lessons. 24 hours notice is required to cancel a lesson except in cases of emergency or illness.
4. It is expected that students will maintain a consistent weekly lesson time (for most non-holiday weeks during the school year).
5. Students are required to practice at home and follow their teacher's assignments each week.
6. Open communication of the parent, teacher, and student is essential to successful private lessons. Parents are expected to be supportive of their child's lessons, ensuring that they practice consistently and arrive prepared for lessons.
7. If you are awarded a scholarship, you are responsible for paying the agreed-upon lesson payment to your private teacher before or on the day of lessons, or according to the teacher's policy. Lessons taken beyond the number awarded are not covered. If the full number of lessons are not taken during the year, these will not carry over to the following year.

More Information about tuition and lesson scholarships:

The Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra is a nonprofit organization committed to providing music education for all children in our community. We are able to provide reduced tuition rates through grants and our fundraising efforts; tuition only covers a small part of the RFYO costs. Our funds are limited and qualified students must meet eligibility requirements in order to receive financial assistance. Financial aid is awarded in the form of reduced tuition and/or reduced rates for private lessons.

- All students are required to reapply for scholarship each school year. To be considered for financial aid, returning student applicants must submit their most recent tax returns along with this application by August 1st.
- New student applications are accepted throughout the year, but we encourage families to apply as early as possible.
- All financial information is confidential and will be seen only by the scholarship committee (which does not include other RFYO teaching staff). The RFYO cannot guarantee that all applicants will receive the requested amount of scholarship, but does its best to evaluate all applications based on need.
- The Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra (RFYO) requires all string players to take weekly private lessons to support their individual growth as players. Lessons for winds, brass, and percussion players are also encouraged.

TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship committee awards reduced tuitions rate to qualifying students which can be paid in full or in installments throughout the year. Full payment is due by May 1st.

LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Students receive a reduced lesson rate for a set number of lessons for the school year. The remaining cost, according to the rates set by the RFYO, must be paid directly to your private teacher according to their studio policy.

The RFMS lesson scholarship program is structured so that students enroll in weekly 30- or 45-minute private lessons with their private teacher throughout the school year. RFMS sets the rate paid to private teachers at \$40 per 30-minute lesson and \$60 per 45-minute lesson and determines the lesson length based on age, playing level, and teacher recommendation. Often a teacher's regular lesson rates may differ from these rates, but rates are set at the same level for all scholarship students and all private teachers. If you elect to take any lessons with your teacher outside of the scholarship (which is common to do), they may choose what rate to charge and arrange that directly with you.

Once the scholarship committee considers your completed application, you will receive a letter stating whether or not you have received a scholarship for the semester. If you have received a scholarship, the letter will include details on the amount received as well as the amount you will be responsible for paying your teacher directly for lessons.