

Young People’s Symphony Concert Association (YPSCA)

Musical Mentor Program – Grants for Schools

Minnesota Orchestral Association

1111 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis, MN 55403

- **Grant application deadline is February 1, 2026.**
- **Note: This application form has been revised for the 2026 grant round.**

YPSCA is a volunteer program within the Minnesota Orchestral Association which accepts, reviews, and awards grants to applicant schools for selected Young People’s Concerts. We accept grant applications throughout the year, but an application must be submitted by February 1 to be considered for the following orchestral season of Young People’s Concerts. Decisions and notifications are made in March.

Please complete the following:

1. **DATE of APPLICATION** _____

2. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School/School District _____

Address – Line 1 _____

Address – Line 2 _____

City / State / Zip _____

3. CONTACT PERSON submitting this request

Name _____

Title _____

Email _____

Phone _____

4. REQUEST for SUPPORT – Tickets and Bus Transportation

A. TICKETS

- _____ Number of tickets for students
- _____ Number of tickets for chaperones
We recommend 1 chaperone for every 10 students.
- _____ Grade level of students who will attend the concert
- _____ Number of schools attending the concert

B. BUSES

- _____ Number of buses needed
- _____ Estimate of your actual bus transportation costs
YPSCA will pay **up to \$225** maximum per bus.
Payment will only be made from verified invoice.

5. IN-SCHOOL MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

YPSCA provides professional musicians who will visit your school/classroom to present an educational program designed around the concert your school has chosen to attend. We highly recommend this program as it will help prepare students for the concert they will hear. There is no charge to the school; YPSCA pays the musicians directly for this program.

Would you like to receive the In-School Music Education Program?

- _____ Yes
- _____ No

6. MATCHING FUNDS

To assure ongoing funds to support this program, please consider a match; even a small match would be appreciated, as this program runs on the support of donors. Eligibility for a grant award is not dependent on the amount of matching funds.

- _____ Amount of Match school/school district is able to provide
- _____ Unable to provide a Match this year

7. OTHER INFORMATION

_____ Is your school participating in the CEP program (*Community Eligibility Provision*)?

_____ If so, what percentage of students are eligible for this program?

_____ If you are a new applicant, please provide the **YEAR** when your school/school district last attended a Young People's Concert.

8. AUTHORIZATION for Grant Support / Name and Title of school official authorizing this request.

Name _____

Title _____

9. NARRATIVE – Indication of Need (500 words or less)

TYPE your response here or SEND it as a separate document.

It is important that we understand your school's need for financial assistance. Provide a statement outlining your school's/district's needs, current music program(s), and reason(s) you are seeking support.

10. SEND completed application to musicalmentors@ypsca.org or via post mail to:

Minnesota Orchestral Association
ATTENTION: YPSCA Grant Application
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Minneapolis, MN 55403

NEXT STEPS

- **February - The Musical Mentor Committee reviews applications.**
- **March - Award recommendations are presented to the YPSCA Board of Directors.**
- **Mid-March - Schools are notified.**
- **Late March / Early April - Schools receive a list of concert selections for the coming season from the Minnesota Orchestra Ticket Office.**

Questions? Please send to musicalmentors@ypsca.org

Members of the Musical Mentor Committee are available to assist you all year.