



Hawaii Youth Symphony

## Financial Aid Program FAQ 2007 – 2008 Season

### **Why was the financial aid program established?**

The Financial Aid Program was established over twenty years ago to offer all of HYS's young musicians an equal opportunity to participate in every aspect of the HYS program regardless of financial conditions. Because of state, corporate, and private donations, all HYS students receive "financial aid" of sorts. The registration fee required is only 20% of the cost of running the HYS program, currently more than \$1,300 per student. However, HYS realizes there are families who still may find it difficult to cover the non-subsidized portion of the fee. The Financial Aid Program insures that all students will be able to benefit from our program.

### **Where do the funds come from?**

The HYS Financial Aid Program has historically been funded from: The McInerny Foundation, The Kosasa Foundation and Mary D. and Walter F. Frear Eleemosynary Trust. HYS submits proposals for these and other grants each year. The competition for grant monies is stiff and HYS cannot be certain what amount of funding will be awarded each year.

### **What expenses do these funds cover?**

The financial aid program will subsidize financially deserving students on a reimbursement basis in one or more of the following ways:

1. Partial aid for private lessons: up to 15 lessons per semester at \$10-\$20 per lesson.
2. Partial aid for registration fees: up to \$162.50 per person.
3. Partial aid for instrument rental fees: up to \$90 per season (only for instruments rented from HYS).

### **On what factors are awards based?**

Awards are based on financial need, not on the musical ability of the applicant. Consideration is given to each student's attitude and evidence of responsibility. We also consider the support a student recipient, his or her parents, and his or her private music teacher have shown for the HYS program. The majority of recipients make the most of what the Financial Aid Program can offer, as reflected by teacher evaluations. Most take their instruction seriously, practice daily, and make rapid progress. Out of hundreds of recipients, there have been only a few students in recent years whose subsidies have not continued at the recommendation of their music teachers because of poor preparation, tardiness and/or poor attitude. In these cases, the amounts allocated were given to an alternate applicant.

### **Can I declare my award as a scholarship award on my college application?**

No. HYS's Financial Aid Program is not a scholarship program and should not be referred to as such. Selections are based on financial need and not musical ability.

### **How can I apply for financial aid?**

Complete the application and return it to the office, with a copy of the first two pages of your 2006 tax return by **September 28, 2007**. More information may be requested from you at a later time to better assess your need.

### **Have more questions?**

Please call our office at 941-9706 or e-mail [admin@hiyouthsymphony.org](mailto:admin@hiyouthsymphony.org).



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### 2007-2008 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

**Deadline: Friday, September 28, 2007**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for assistance with: (You may check more than one)

- Private lessons** up to \$300/semester     
  **Registration fees** up to \$162.50     
  **Instrument rental** up to \$90

Father/Guardian

Mother/Guardian

	Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name		
Marital Status		
Occupation		
Place of Employment		
Work Phone		
Work Fax		
Cellular Phone/Pager		
E-mail		

**Please note:** Checks will be issued to the student and mailed to the address listed above. If private lessons are included, the parents are responsible for paying the private teachers.

**In order to be considered for financial aid, please submit a copy of the first two pages of your 2006 Federal Income Tax Return. If married, but filing separately, please submit copies of each return.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail completed application with a copy of the first two pages of your tax return to:**  
(Must be post marked by Friday, September 28, 2007)

**HYS**  
**c/o Financial Aid Program**  
**1110 University Avenue, Suite 200**  
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After receiving all the applications for financial aid, we may request further information to assess your need.