



Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras 2026-2027 Season: Orchestral Brass Coach

Program Philosophy

The Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras (WSYO) represent the finest students in south central Kansas. Founded in 1947 as an educational project of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, the Youth Orchestras Program provides a unique opportunity for talented school-age musicians to further their musical education through participation in one of six ensembles: Youth Symphony, Repertory Orchestra, Youth Wind Ensemble, Youth Concert Band, Youth Chamber Players, and Introductory String Orchestra. Each WSYO student trains under professional Conductors and Coaches from the Wichita community. All WSYO Employees act as ambassadors for the Wichita Symphony Society. Coaches are expected to uphold the educational mission and artistic standards of the Wichita Symphony Society while fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Coach Responsibilities

1. Rehearsals/Sectionals

- 1.2 Lead sectionals for Youth Symphony and Repertory Orchestra brass sections, as outlined in the coaching calendar.
- 1.3 Conductors may adjust sectional hours at their discretion (i.e. reverse the order or Rep and YS sectional times). Adjustments will be communicated at the earliest notice.
- 1.4 Arrive early and begin sectionals promptly.
- 1.5 Take attendance at each sectional and report attendance to the Education and Youth Orchestras Manager after every rehearsal.
- 1.6 WSYO conductors and/or WSYO Staff may enter sectional rooms at any time for observation, rehearsing, or the distribution of information. Students should witness positive and collaborative interactions among all WSYO faculty and staff.
- 1.7 Coach from the sidelines when specified in the rehearsal schedule.

2. Communications

- 2.1 Be in regular communication with Youth Orchestras Conductors and WSYO Staff regarding rehearsal schedule, student behavior/attendance issues, scheduling conflicts, and any other issues as they arise.
- 2.2 Read weekly communications from conductors regarding rehearsal schedules and issues that need to be addressed in sectionals.
- 2.3 Maintain a professional attitude in all interactions with students. Do not express criticism regarding any students, faculty, staff, or WSYO policies and procedures



with students. Bring issues directly to the Education and Youth Orchestras Manager.

3. Attendance

- 3.1 Be present at every rehearsal as outlined in the coaching calendar.
- 3.2 No more than two absences per semester will be allowed at regular rehearsals, and coaches must provide an appropriate substitute if they will be absent from a regular rehearsal.
- 3.3 Notify the Education and Youth Orchestras Manager no later than two weeks before a scheduled absence and include information about your substitute.
 - 3.3.1 Coaches are responsible for providing subs with the necessary parts/scores and instructions for leading WSYO sectionals.
 - 3.3.2 The Wichita Symphony Society will compensate substitute coaches at a rate of \$35.00 per hour and will deduct the correlating amount from the WSYO coach's semester pay.

4. Membership Auditions

- 4.1 Be available to adjudicate membership auditions for your instrument in May/June, if possible. Additional compensation for each section adjudicated will be provided at a rate of \$50 per day.

5. Seating Auditions

- 5.1 Conductors will select appropriate audition excerpts for seating auditions and may consult section coaches for input.
- 5.2 Coaches are expected to adjudicate seating auditions.

6. Recruitment

- 6.1 Promote participation in WSYO through the sharing of printed advertising materials and word of mouth.

7. WSYO Awards

- 7.1 Provide input on students being considered for end-of-year awards, if asked.

Compensation

Compensation for the 2026-2027 Orchestral Brass Coach position shall be \$1,155.00, to be paid in two payments: \$630.00 in November and \$525.00 in March. This is derived from a rate of \$35.00/hour.

Compensation includes all rehearsals as outlined in the coaching calendar, as well as seating auditions. Honorariums will be paid for additional services performed.

Coaches shall receive one 2026-2027 Masterworks season ticket to the Wichita Symphony, as well as one ticket to both the Fall and Spring Youth Orchestras Concerts. Contact the Symphony Box Office at (316)267-7658 to redeem tickets.



2026-2027 Orchestral Brass Coach Schedule

All rehearsals take place at WSU Duerksen Fine Arts Center unless otherwise noted.

Fall 2026

Saturday, August 29th – Youth Symphony Seating Auditions

2:00 – 4:00 PM: Seating Auditions

Sunday, August 30th – Retreat

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.: Sectionals

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch (provided)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.: Sectionals

Sunday, September 13th

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

Sunday, September 20th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional/Coach from sidelines

Sunday, September 27th

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

4:00 – 4:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00 – 9:55 a.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

10:00 – 10:55 a.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

Sunday, October 11th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

Sunday, October 18th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

Sunday, October 25th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony (coach from sidelines)

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra (coach from sidelines)

Fall Concerts are on Friday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 p.m. at Century II



Spring, 2027

Sunday, January 10th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.: Youth Symphony Seating Auditions

Sunday, January 17th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional/Coach from sidelines

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional/Coach from Sidelines

Sunday, January 24th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional/Coach from sidelines

Sunday, January 31st

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

4:00 – 4:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

Sunday, February 6th

9:00 – 9:55 a.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional

10:00 – 10:55 a.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional

Sunday, February 14th

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra Sectional (Woodwinds and Brass together)

4:00 – 4:55 p.m.: Youth Symphony Sectional (Woodwinds and Brass together)

Sunday, February 28th

2:00 – 2:55 p.m. Youth Symphony (coach from sidelines)

3:00 – 3:55 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra (coach from sidelines)

Spring Concerts are on Friday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Century II

Click [here](#) to apply for the position.