



Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras

Youth Chamber Players Conductor Job Description

Program Philosophy

The Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras (WSYO) represent the finest student musicians 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 four ensembles: Youth Symphony, Repertory Orchestra (full orchestras), Youth Wind Ensemble, and Youth Chamber Players (string orchestra). Each Youth Orchestras student has the opportunity to train under professional conductors and coaches from the Wichita community. Participation in these groups enables the members to become acquainted with and perform literature from the standard symphonic, wind ensemble, and string orchestra repertoire, and prepares them to be leaders in their school orchestra programs and future lives. During the season, each ensemble presents a fall and a spring concert.

Each employee of the Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras will be an ambassador of the Youth Orchestras and Wichita Symphony Society.

Program Schedule

[Click here](#) to see an example of a typical Youth Chamber Players rehearsal schedule. The 2022-2023 season schedule will be similar to this one.

Conductor's Responsibilities

- Repertoire
 - Select appropriate music for Youth Chamber Players for each concert.
 - Select seating audition excerpts.
- Rehearsals
 - Prepare the ensemble for each concert.
 - Create schedule for each rehearsal.
- Communications
 - Be in regular communication with Education Manager and Youth Chamber Players Rehearsal Assistant regarding rehearsal schedule, student behavior/attendance issues, scheduling conflicts, and any other issues as they arise.

- Attendance
 - Be present at every rehearsal, dress rehearsal, runout performance, and concert.
 - No absences will be allowed for dress rehearsals and performances.
 - No more than two absences per semester will be allowed at regular rehearsals, and conductors must provide an appropriate substitute if they will be absent from a regular rehearsal.
 - Notify the Education Manager no later than 4 weeks before a scheduled absence, and include information about your substitute. Conductors will be responsible for paying subs directly.
- Membership Auditions
 - Review and provide input regarding audition requirements and procedures as necessary.
 - Be available to adjudicate no less than 2 section auditions with other conductors and coaches, more if possible. Additional compensation for each section adjudicated will be provided at a rate of \$50 per day.
- Recruitment
 - Promote participation in WSYO through the sharing of printed advertising materials and word of mouth.
- WSYO Awards
 - Provide input on students being considered for the James P. Roberson Award, McHugh Award, and other awards for seniors that are presented at the Spring Concert.
- Coaches
 - Supervise the Youth Chamber Players Rehearsal Assistant, and communicate any issues/concerns directly to the Rehearsal Assistant and Education Manager.
- Scheduling
 - Work with the Education Manager to create future calendars.
 - Plan activities for Youth Chamber Players (i.e. runout, retreat, etc.) for the future seasons in collaboration with the Youth Orchestras Program Director and Education Manager.

Wages

Commensurate with WSYO conductors' pay rate, the current salary for the Youth Chamber Players conductor is \$5,650 for the season. Payments will be made monthly during the WSYO season, August-March.

How to Apply

Please complete [this application form](#), and attach your resume and list of three references.

Contact Tiffany Bell Rhodes, Manager of Education & Community Partnerships at trhodes@wso.org with questions.