

# Frequently Asked Questions



- **How do I register for an audition at SDYS?**
  - This is done in two steps:
    1. First, you must complete your Registration for SDYS by June 5 [REGISTER HERE!](#)
    2. Then, complete the Audition Application online via Acceptd at [AUDITION HERE](#) by June 5.
- **Who is eligible?**
  - Musicians between age 7 to 18 at all levels are eligible to audition. Students with little to no experience do not need to audition - *please see question below.*
  - [SDYS Age Chart](#)
- **I am a beginner with little to no experience, what do I do?**
  - Students with little to no experience who wish to be in one of our beginning groups will still need to complete an Audition Application online via Acceptd. You will be instructed on what to provide, depending on your instrument.
- **How do I know which orchestra or band I should audition for?**
  - Refer to the [Audition Requirements](#) and consult with your private lesson teacher to determine the orchestra that best suits your skill level. If you do not have a private teacher, please feel free to contact us at [support@sdys.org](mailto:support@sdys.org).
- **SDYS has so many ensembles. Where do I fit?**
  - When auditioning, students audition for SDYS in general, not a specific ensemble. Based on the student's age and performance, our Artistic Staff place them in the appropriate ensemble. SDYS judges will be evaluating your performance based on a few specific criteria only.
  - [SDYS Ensemble Progression & Age Chart](#)

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- **How much is tuition?**

- Tuition depends on which ensemble you place into, and it may change from year to year.
- [SDYS Tuition Chart](#)

- **Is need-based tuition assistance available?**

- Yes. SDYS offers Tuition Assistance and is strongly committed to the principle that financial need should not be a barrier to enter our program.
- Families with need are encouraged to apply and can demonstrate eligibility for support by submitting the [tuition assistance application](#) along with your supporting documents.
- To learn more and apply, please visit our website [HERE](#).

- **When and where are rehearsals and concerts?**

- Please visit our website to view [rehearsal information and schedules](#).
- 24-25 Musician Handbook ([English/Spanish](#))
- [24-25 Season Calendars](#)

- **As a Marching Band student, will my schedule conflict with SDYS?**

- SDYS will no longer offer students the option to join mid-year. All students, including marching band students, are expected to join in the fall. Please review our [Ensembles Page](#) or updated [rehearsal schedules](#), which take marching band student schedules into consideration.

- **When do I find out my audition results?**

- Audition results will be emailed out by July 3. Audition results will not be given over the phone.