

**ROANOKE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS
INFORMATION & GUIDELINES**
Green Room, 128 E. Campbell Ave



About the Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra

The RYSO offers professional orchestral training for young musicians of Southwest Virginia and eastern West Virginia. These youth musicians participate in weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals and perform in public concerts. Members of the RYSO participate in a week-long Summer Music Institute held annually in June at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia.

About the Auditions

Spring auditions will fill vacancies for the upcoming Summer Music Institute and academic year. New students wishing to join RYSO are invited to audition on the specified audition date or schedule an audition with the Education Director at sarah.jones@rso.com. In the event of a successful audition and acceptance in the program, students are not required to re-audition unless a leave of absence of more than a year is taken.

Eligibility and Membership

Membership is open to young musicians up to age 18. Musicians may participate with the RYSO through the spring semester of their senior year of high school. Students are expected to participate in their school band and/or orchestra programs, when available, to be eligible for RYSO participation.

About the Summer Music Institute

The SMI is the first introduction to the majority of the repertoire for the upcoming season and is the best opportunity for students who come from all around the region to form bonds as musicians and peers. Current members of the RYSO are expected to attend as part of their annual program.

Instruments

The RYSO has vacancies for the following: all strings (violin, viola, cello, and bass), flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, french horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba and percussion

Audition Requirements*

For all instruments:

- 2-5 minute prepared solo of your choice. Please choose a solo you feel best represents your current level of playing.
- Prepared scale of your choice

*Auditions need not be memorized and no accompanist is required.

Fees/Tuition

There is no fee to audition. There is tuition associated with Summer Music Institute and Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra. Limited amount of need-based financial aid is available.

To Schedule an Audition

Potential new members must schedule an audition. Contact the Education Director Sarah Wardle Jones at (540) 343-6221, ext. 231 or sarah.jones@rso.com to schedule an audition and request an application. Please bring completed applications to the audition.

Questions

Please direct all inquiries to the RSO Education Director Sarah Wardle Jones at (540) 343-6221, ext. 231 or sarah.jones@rso.com.

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please bring completed form to your audition

Date: _____

Student name Instrument

Birth date (*month/day/year*) Current Grade

Parents/Guardians

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Parent Email Student Email

Years Playing Years of Private Lessons

Private Teacher Teacher Phone Teacher Email

Current School Band/Orchestra Director

On a separate piece of paper, please list musical ensembles experience, recent awards, and musical accomplishments. Be sure to include appropriate dates/years.