

FAIRBANKS YOUTH ORCHESTRAS  
PRIVATE LESSON GRANT APPLICATION

Current Fairbanks Youth Orchestras (FYO) members in Youth Symphony, Concert Orchestra, or String Orchestra are eligible to apply for a Private Lesson Grant. Current FYO members that were awarded a private lesson grant last year may also apply for a grant this year; however, a member that has been awarded a grant for the two previous years is not eligible this year.

The FYO Private Lesson Grant is intended to provide financial assistance to applicants who would like to further their musical development but for financial reasons either are not able to do so or can only do so under serious financial burden. One or more grants of up to \$1,000 may be awarded. If awarded, the grants will be administered by requiring the successful applicant to negotiate the lesson charges with a private teacher of their choice. The grant funds will not be awarded directly to the successful applicants, but instead will be paid directly to the private lesson teacher. The method of billing and payment should be discussed with the teacher on an individual basis. A maximum lesson charge of \$30 per week will be allowed under the grant terms. Any charges for private lessons greater than \$30 per week will be the responsibility of the applicant's parent or legal guardian. The grant funds must be utilized between 1 Sept. 2011 and 30 June 2011. At the end of that period, the grant award will expire and the funds will not longer be available to the applicant for expenditure.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate in which FYO orchestra you are currently a member: YS\_\_\_\_ CO\_\_\_\_ SO\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Musical instrument for which the Private Lesson Grant will be used: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If the grant is awarded, the applicant agrees to utilize the grant for lessons on the instrument indicated in the application. The grant will not apply to voice lessons or any other instrument unless specifically authorized in writing from FYO.**

Private lesson teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Hourly fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Please estimate the following:

Lessons per year: \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost per year: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired grant amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Why this amount? \_\_\_\_\_

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Your financial circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your child's level of enthusiasm and commitment to their musical development: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other items you would like to have taken into consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Support of FYO activities:**

Activities involved in the operation of the FYO require a considerable amount of involvement and commitment from the student musicians and their parents. Parents, please indicate below which activities you are currently involved in or that you would commit to becoming involved in during the duration of the one year grant period. Possibilities include orchestra audition activities, helping at winter and spring concerts, serving on the FYO council, assisting at refreshment sales, arranging recitals at the Pioneer Home, Denali Center, etc., and assisting during rehearsals.

Currently involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will commit to: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Include the following with your application:**

1. A letter of recommendation from a school music teacher, a private lesson teacher, the conductor of a band or orchestra, or another individual (not a parent or guardian) who can attest to the applicant's musical interests and ability to work hard.
2. A letter from the student musician discussing her/his interests, goals, and achievements in music, and anything else you would like us to know about you.
3. A copy of the parent's latest (2010) 1040 Tax Return, pages 1 and 2 only. The application will not be considered without the submittal of the tax return. The tax return will be kept confidential, and will be destroyed at the end of the grant award process.

**Application deadline is Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2011.** Applications can be handed in to a conductor or an FYO council member at Saturday rehearsals, or can be mailed to Amy Zacheis, PO Box 81443, Fairbanks, AK 99708. If mailed, applications should be postmarked by 9/24/11. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at [amyz@alaska.net](mailto:amyz@alaska.net) or call 479-8108.

**For the applicant:**

By signing this application I certify that I understand and agree to the terms of the grant requirements.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the parent or guardian:**

I certify that the information I have provided on this application and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of my application information to the FYO Council and FYO Lesson Grant Committee for the purpose of this grant consideration. I also understand that I will commit to direct involvement in and support of those items listed above under "support of FYO activities".

Parent or Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_