



Tuition Frequently Asked Questions

How much is tuition for the CYE program?

Tuition for all DSO Civic Youth Ensembles is \$400. If students are involved in two ensembles (for example: Civic Orchestra and Wind Symphony) the cost of the first ensemble is \$400 and the cost of the second ensemble is \$200 for a total of \$600. If the student has a sibling in another ensemble, the second ensemble is \$200.

\$400 Tuition equates to \$12 per week or \$4 per hour of instruction.

When are tuition payments due?

All tuition payments are due no later than October 15, 2011. The DSO has several payment options available. You may pay in 2, 3 or 4 equal monthly installments, either \$200 per installment (2 payments) \$133.33 per installment (3 payments) or \$100 per installment (4 installments). Or, you may pay the entirety of the tuition by the first rehearsal, September 10 or 14 and you may deduct 5% of the total or \$20 less.

What if I can't pay the entire fee by October 15, 2011?

There are optional payment plans available to students who cannot pay the entire fee at once. You may pay in 2, 3 or 4 equal monthly installments, either \$200 per installment (2 payments) \$133.33 per installment (3 payments) or \$100 per installment (4 installments).

How can I pay the tuition fee?

Payments may be completed online with a credit card through the Charms website or paid by check and/or cash. Checks should be made payable to: Detroit Symphony Orchestra with CYE Tuition and your student's name in the memo line. Directions regarding online payment are included in this packet.

What is the true cost of learning at the DSO?

The true cost of learning for the CYE program ranges between \$1200 and \$1500 per child. The actual amount depends on the size of the ensemble that your child participates in – for example, smaller ensembles generally cost more than larger ensembles. The actual cost is derived from a complex calculation that accounts for institutional costs and allocations. The remaining subsidized amount is funded through a variety of grants and sponsorships from individuals, corporations and foundations.

What does the CYE tuition cover?

CYE Tuition helps defray the cost of DSO staff, DSO musicians, security, usage of the Max M. Fisher Center, Orchestra Hall, the Pincus Education Center, parking, music, instruments, conductors, lights, heat, bathrooms, guest artists and performances.

Is there financial aid available?

Yes, Yes and Yes - financial aid is available. The DSO is committed to the community - No child will be turned away from our program if they cannot pay tuition. Financial aid can range from full scholarships to a variety of partial scholarships. Parents requesting financial aid must complete the enclosed, confidential financial application as soon as possible. All forms must be returned by August 31, 2011 for full consideration. Again, all materials will be treated confidentially. The DSO Education Staff is available to answer any questions and/or concerns.

Can I pay for another child?

Yes. Many CYE families have been very generous with their resources in the past. If you would like to contribute towards the CYE financial aid fund, please contact Genevieve Gajewski at ggajewski@dso.org.