

Application for
Financial Aid
to attend the
Alabama All-State Orchestra Festival

Alabama Orchestra Association
Confidential Financial Aid Application

Financial Aid, Alabama Orchestra Association

Thanks to gifts from donors and a long-standing commitment of the Executive Committee, the Alabama Orchestra Association is able to provide financial aid to students who meet a series of qualifications. Aid is available to students participating in the Alabama All-State Orchestra Festival. In order to qualify, students must submit this form and demonstrate financial need. Since funds are limited, please be sure to apply early.

Families must apply each academic year for financial aid. The application period for each year will be announced on the Alabama Orchestra Association's website (www.alabamaorchestraassociation.org). In reviewing applications for subsequent years, students must show commitment through attendance at rehearsals at previous Festivals. Students with significant absences may lose support for the next academic year at the discretion of the program staff. While award amounts will vary based on application information, awards generally do not cover audition registration fees or instruments and supplies.

Award Obligations:

- Consistent attendance at ensemble rehearsals.
- Consistent practice and preparation for ensemble rehearsals.
- Positive evaluations from Festival staff.
- Recipient must pay fees not covered by financial aid in full and in a timely fashion.

Please note – at the time of application, all outstanding fees from previous Festivals **MUST** be paid in full.

Selection Policy

Financial aid decisions are made according to the following:

- Financial need, as indicated by income and/or family and extenuating circumstances.
- Availability of funds
- Applicant's payment history with previous AOA Festivals and activities.

Instructions

The Following items must be completed and submitted to the Alabama Orchestra Association by the published deadline in order to be considered for financial assistance.

- **Confidential Financial Aid Application-** Please complete all sections of this application fully and accurately. If more than one student in the family is applying for assistance, a separate application is needed for each student.
- **Copy of the most recent U.S. Tax Form completed by your family (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ)** must be attached to the Confidential Financial Aid Application. If your family also receives government assistance, please provide a copy of your benefits information or a payment check stub. If more than one student in the family is applying for assistance, you may submit only one copy of this form.
- **If changes exist since the filing of the attached tax form.** If additional explanations of financial or other circumstances are required, information should be provided in writing on the Statement of Financial Need.

Applications that are incomplete or do not include **ALL** of the documentation above **WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

- **An email** will be sent to inform families of their award status. Notification will arrive after the respective application deadline.

**Alabama Orchestra Association
Financial Aid Application
General Information Form**

Student Name: _____

School: _____ Grade in School: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Parent cell phone: _____ Parent email address: _____

The student listed above is applying for financial assistance from the Alabama Orchestra Association for the Alabama All-State Orchestra Festival.

Voluntary Information:

This information is used for the purposes of insuring diversity.

Student's age _____

Student's gender _____

Student's race _____

Financial Aid Application Information Form

Current Annual Income – please list all sources of income for all household members

Parent/Guardian #1 _____ \$ _____

Parent/Guardian #2 _____ \$ _____

Other annual income (please specify source and amount)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total **Current** Annual Income \$ _____

If this amount differs from the amount show on the Federal Income Tax Form 1040, please explain below:

Dependents – please list all dependents in household by name, beginning with student applying for financial aid:

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

Does the student applicant qualify for the free or reduced lunch program? ____ yes ____ no
If divorced or separated, does the non-custodial parent assist with expenses? ____ yes ____ no

I certify that I have provided current, accurate and truthful information. I understand that should I receive financial aid, I will be responsible for paying any balance and applicable fees by indicated deadlines. I have signed the attached Letter of Agreement outlining attendance and other guidelines and understand that the Festival staff will be aware that I receive financial aid in order to help the evaluation process.

Knowing what the financial responsibilities are for the All-State Orchestra Festival, what amount do you believe you can contribute toward these expenses? _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

Date _____

Parent/ Guardian #2 Signature

Date _____

Letter of Agreement

Name of Financial Aid Applicant _____

As a potential recipient of financial aid, you must meet the expectations outlined below. This will ensure that you receive the best possible instruction and that the Alabama Orchestra Association makes the best use of its limited financial resources.

Expectations

- Aid recipients should attend all rehearsals for the ensemble for which she/he is registered. If recipient is unable to attend a rehearsal, the aid recipient will notify the appropriate Festival staff. Repeated absences will jeopardize a recipient's financial aid eligibility for future Festivals.
- The aid recipient should be on time for all ensemble rehearsals.
- Recipients should bring appropriate materials to all ensemble rehearsals.
- Recipients will practice and prepare for each session according to requirements designed by the Festival staff.
- Aid recipients must pay fees and expenses not covered by financial aid.

I certify that I have read and understand the above expectations.

Student name _____ Student signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) signature _____

Completed Financial Aid Application, along with all requested documentation, may be mailed to:

Jacob Frank, Financial Aid Chair
Alabama Orchestra Association
225 County Road 538
Moulton, AL 35650

Financial Aid Application
Statement of Financial Need

Student name _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name _____

Please use the space below to provide a statement of need, written by the parent or guardian for the student named above. This statement should document why you are seeking financial aid and any additional information you wish for the committee to consider when determining awards and award amounts. As funds are limited, it is important that financial needs are explained in detail.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) signature _____

Financial Aid Application Student Essay

Student name _____

Please write a short essay describing your musical experiences and ambitions. Please provide information about yourself, including biographical information, music passions and interests, and information about artistic endeavors you have participated or are participating in. How will receiving funds from the Alabama Orchestra Association assist your artistic future?

Student signature _____