

GREATER HOUSTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Lawrence Wheeler, Founding Director

2009 Application Form

Name _____ Instrument _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
Street _____ email _____
City _____, TX _____ Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____
School _____ Conductor _____ Phone _____
Private Teacher _____ Phone _____ email _____
Total years study _____ All-State/Region Ensembles _____
Other (ensembles, awards, etc.) _____

- A non-refundable audition/application fee of \$30.00 (checks payable to GHYO) must be enclosed. All-State string players are automatically accepted into the GHYO Orchestra without an audition. All-State wind and percussion players are accepted until all positions are filled. (Audition required.)
- Returning GHYO members remaining in the same ensemble should enclose a \$25.00 application fee.
- AUDITION INFORMATION: You will be asked to play two scales (you choose the first), up to four minutes of solo music (your choice), and to sight-read (appropriate for your level). *All string players:* A two-octave scale using at least third position is required for acceptance into the Philharmonic. A three-octave spiccato scale is required for acceptance into the Orchestra.
- Auditions are by scheduled appointment only. Please check all available times.
 - Saturday, August 22, 10:00am - 12:30pm
 - Saturday, August 22, 1:00pm - 3:30pm
 - Saturday, August 29, 10:00am - 12:30pm
 - Saturday, August 29, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Special requests: _____

- You will be notified shortly following your audition. If accepted, you will be placed in either the String Ensemble (ages 8-12 approx.), the Philharmonic (ages 10-16 approx.), or the Orchestra (ages 13-19). Within each ensemble, GHYO utilizes seating rotation, including between violin sections.
- All rehearsals are 1:30-4:00pm Sunday afternoons, beginning Sept. 13. Rehearsals are at the Emery/Weiner School, 9825 Stella Link, 77025.
- Three concerts: 4:00pm Sundays at major concert halls, *i.e.*, the Morris Cultural Arts Center.
- Tuition for the year (September through May) is \$700.00, which includes a \$25.00 Parents' Guild membership (paid once per family), and covers all concerts, rehearsals, sectional rehearsals, and clinics. A \$250.00 deposit is due upon acceptance. A two-payment option is available for the balance.
- Financial assistance is available. No student accepted will be excluded due to financial need. *Note:* IRS non-profit organization guidelines require the most recent tax-return (first two pages) to verify financial need. Recipients of financial assistance will be asked to help GHYO in some way.
- All members will be expected to follow the procedures and guidelines in the GHYO Handbook.
- *Please note:* Participation in your applicable school music ensemble is required for membership. This requirement is waived if home-schooled or if no such school music program exists.

Mail this application to:

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