

Pensacola Symphony Orchestra

Youth Wind Ensemble

Join the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Youth Wind Ensemble for a 10-week immersive music education experience.

Rehearsals

Sundays: February 9, 2025 - April 6, 2025 from 3:30pm – 4:45pm

Sectional Rehearsals with PSO Musicians

Sectional rehearsals will be held from 2:00pm – 3:15pm *immediately prior* to the ensemble rehearsals. Each instrument will have 2 sectional rehearsals during the 10-week program.

The sectional schedule will be confirmed after November 1, 2024.

Concert (Shared with the Chamber Strings)

Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2:00pm

Tuition

\$275 per student

Location

Dr. Grier Williams School of Music

University of West Florida

Pensacola, Florida

Ensemble Description

The Pensacola Symphony Youth Wind Ensemble is open to students in grades 7-12. The members will be selected by audition.

The wind ensemble instrumentation will include Piccolo, Flutes, Oboes, Bassoons, Soprano Clarinets, Bass Clarinet, Contrabass Clarinet, Alto Saxophones, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpets, Horns, Trombones, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tubas, and Percussion.

Students, other than those playing percussion, will provide their own instruments.

Under the direction of Dr. Craig Hamilton, students will play repertoire suitable for advanced youth musicians and receive two sectional coaching sessions with professional members of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. The sectional schedule will be available after November 1, 2024.

Members of the Wind Ensemble are required to be enrolled in a school or homeschool band program. Exceptions may be granted upon written request from the student's parent or guardian.

Membership Requirement

To become a member of the Wind Ensemble, each student will submit a brief application and an audio recording of the audition materials. Students will be selected for the Wind Ensemble based on their auditions and the ensemble's instrumentation needs.

Application and Audition Instructions

1. *Applications indicate an intent to audition and may be submitted beginning October 1, 2024.*
2. Complete and submit the application found at this link:
<https://forms.gle/zzZCdfPDyM9qUzQT8>
3. *Audio recordings of audition materials are due by 11:59pm on Friday, January 3, 2025.*
4. Audition materials are the 2024-2025 Florida All-State audition requirements **for the student's current grade level** and can be found at this link:
<https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>
5. Audio record the student performing the audition materials.
6. Name the recording as follows: [Student first and last name]_2025 Audition_[Instrument]
7. Attach the recording to an email:
 - a. In the subject line type [Student first and last name] 2025 Audition
 - b. In the body of the email, include parent's first and last name and phone number.
8. Send the email with audio attachment to Julie Martin Green at education@pensacolasymphony.com no later than 11:59pm on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Acceptance and Registration

On or by January 15, 2025, parents will receive an email with the results of their student's audition. Students selected for the Wind Ensemble will receive registration and tuition payment instructions as well as information about financial assistance.

Contact Julie Martin Green for more information at education@pensacolasymphony.com or (850) 435-2533 x. 103.