

Pensacola Symphony Orchestra

Youth Chamber Strings

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

Rehearsals

Sundays: February 9, 2025 - April 6, 2025 from 2:00pm – 3:15pm

Sectional Rehearsals with PSO Musicians

Sectional rehearsals will be held from 3:30pm – 4:45pm *immediately following* 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 Wind Ensemble)

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 Chamber Strings ensemble is open to students in grades 7-12. Members will be selected by audition. Students will provide their own instruments.

The Chamber Strings instrumentation will include violin 1, violin 2, viola, cello, and string bass.

Under the direction of Mrs. Maeanna Callahan, PSO musician and music educator, 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 Chamber Strings are required to be enrolled in a school or homeschool string program. Exceptions may be granted upon written request from the student's parent or guardian.

Membership Requirement

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

Application and Audition Instructions

1. *Applications indicate an intent to audition and maybe 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 9th & 10th Grade All-State Orchestra requirements and can be found at this link: <https://myfoa.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 Chamber Strings 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.