

# Pensacola Symphony Youth Orchestra 2026-2027 Auditions

**Auditions for membership in the youth orchestra will be open July 1 – July 21, 2026**

Students who will be aged 12 through 20 years on September 1, 2026 are eligible to audition for the Pensacola Symphony Youth Orchestra. Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion seating will be determined from the membership auditions. Strings will be placed into sections from the membership auditions with seating auditions to be held prior to or on the first rehearsal date of each semester.

Professional members of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra will evaluate audition recordings.

Instrumentation for the 2026-2027 season will be as follows:

9 First Violins	4 Bassoons
8 Second Violins	4 French Horns
6 Violas	3 Trumpets
8 Cellos	3 Trombones
3 String Bass	1 Tuba
4 Flutes/Piccolo	5 Percussion
4 Clarinets/Bass Clarinet	Harp and/or Piano
4 Oboes/English Horn	

## Audition Process

### Submit Audition Application:

The audition application notifies the youth orchestra manager of your student's intent to submit an audition recording. The application may be completed between June 1, 2026 and July 21, 2026.

The audition application can be found at this link: [Audition Application](#)

### Audition Materials:

#### **Strings**

- Excerpts are taken from the 2027 Florida Orchestra Association All-State requirements for the student's 2026-2027 grade and can be previewed here: <https://myfoa.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>
- Students may prepare the audition materials for a higher grade if their skills are appropriate for the repertoire.
- Please contact Julie Martin Green to request the PSYO audition excerpts at [education@pensacolasymphony.com](mailto:education@pensacolasymphony.com). Please include the grade level at which the student will audition.
- Major Scales and Arpeggios: Play TWO of the following scales in even eighth notes at MM Quarter note = 60-80
  - Violin – **C, G, D, A, E, F, B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , A $\flat$**  – G, A, C, D scales in 3 octaves
  - Viola – **C, G, D, A, E, F, B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , A $\flat$**  – C, D, F, G scales in 3 octaves
  - Cello – **C, G, D, A, E, F, B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , A $\flat$**  – C, D, F, G scales in 3 octaves
  - String Bass – **C, G, D, A, E, F, B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , A $\flat$**  – E, F, G, A, B $\flat$ , C scales in 2 octaves with all other scales in 1 octave

## Woodwinds and Brass

- Excerpts: Prepare the excerpts for your instrument from the 2027 Florida Bandmasters Association All-State requirements for your grade in 2026-2027.
- Students may prepare the audition materials for a higher grade if their skills are appropriate for the repertoire.
- Link to All-State Audition requirements: <https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>
  - Students submitting auditions for piccolo, bass clarinet, and English Horn are required to audition on flute, clarinet, and oboe, respectively.
- Major Scales and Arpeggios: Play TWO of the following scales at MM Quarter note = 100-120
  - Concert pitch – **C, G, D, A, E, F, B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , A $\flat$**  – Minimum of 2 octaves

## Percussion

- Prepare the excerpt and scale requirements for **snare drum and mallets** from the 2027 Florida Bandmasters Association All-State requirements for your grade in 2026-2027.
- Students may prepare the audition materials for a higher grade if their skills are appropriate for the repertoire.
- Link to All-State Audition requirements: <https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>
- Optional: Prepare the excerpt for Timpani

## Piano

- Exercise: Prepare the exercise from the 2027 Florida Bandmasters Association All-State requirements.
- Link to All-State Audition requirements: <https://fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>
- Major Scales and Arpeggios: Play TWO of the following scales at MM Quarter note = 100-120
  - **D, E, F, A, B $\flat$ , D $\flat$ , G $\flat$**  – Minimum of 2 octaves

## Pedal Harp

- Excerpts: Prepare the excerpts from the 2027 Florida Orchestra Association All-State requirements.
- Link to Excerpts: <https://myfoa.org/all-state/audition-requirements/>
- Scales: Play TWO major scales with arpeggios in even eighth notes at MM Quarter note = 60-80

## Audio Record Audition Materials:

- Cell phones may be used to record the audition. If using a cell phone, place the cell phone in front of your student, 4 – 5 feet away, ensuring that the microphone is not covered. Do a short test recording with the student playing loud and soft and adjust the phone closer or farther away to get the clearest sounds from the instrument.
- Excerpts may be recorded as separate tracks.
- Audition recordings should maintain anonymity. If a video recording is being made, please cover the camera.
- Students and parents should refrain from speaking on the audition recording.
- Recordings will be assigned a number when received.

## Submit Audition:

- Auditions open on July 1, 2026. **Audition recordings are due no later than 11:59pm on July 21, 2026.**
- Email recordings as attachments to [education@pensacolasymphony.com](mailto:education@pensacolasymphony.com)
  - Subject line: PSYO Audition - [Student name]
  - Body of email: Student's name, grade, and instrument; Parent's name and phone number
- Pay Audition Fee by July 22, 2026
  - The audition fee of \$25 is non-refundable and will be invoiced upon receipt of a student's recorded audition. The audition recording will be included for review by auditioners upon

receipt of payment. Invoices for the audition will be sent by email on behalf of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra from Quickbooks.

**Audition results and a registration form will be sent to parents/guardians by email on August 7, 2026.**

NOTE: Woodwind, brass, percussion, and piano students should contact their band directors or private teachers for assistance in acquiring the audition materials.

Please contact the Youth Orchestra Manager if you have any questions about the audition materials or need assistance submitting your students' recordings.

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