



HOW & WHEN DO AYSP AUDITIONS TAKE PLACE?

Auditions for the 2020-2021 season will be online video recording auditions instead of live in-person auditions. We will be using "Acceptd" as the online audition platform. Please follow the Audition registration steps listed below and be sure to submit your audition video by the deadline (Saturday, May 9, 2020 at midnight).

AUDITION REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Students must register for auditions at www.aysmusic.org/annual-auditions.
2. Pay the \$15 audition fee by following the steps in the registration form mentioned in step 1.
3. Upon receiving your registration, Dr. Strong (bea@aysmusic.org) will e-mail a link to "Acceptd".
4. Create your account in Accept by following the link in step 3.
5. Upload/Submit your Audition Video before the deadline (Saturday, May 9, 2020 at midnight).

HOW MUCH DO AUDITIONS COST?

There is a **\$15.00** audition fee. Students who apply and qualify for financial assistance will have the \$15.00 audition fee credited toward their tuition upon being accepted into AYSP and registering for the upcoming season. The online registration form has a PayPal link where payment can be remitted.

SHOULD I MEMORIZE MY MUSIC?

Memorization is not required. If you would like to memorize your solo, you are welcome to do so; however, it does not affect your audition score.

HOW WILL MY AUDITION VIDEO BE REVIEWED?

Middle School: Your audition video will be reviewed by 2-5 judges. The adjudication sheets/rubric our judges will use as well as the video submission guidelines are available on the website at www.aysmusic.org/annual-auditions. Your Audition video should not exceed 6 minutes.

High School: Auditions are blind. Your audition video will be reviewed by 2-5 judges. The adjudication sheets/rubric our judges will use as well as the video submission guidelines are available on the website at www.aysmusic.org/annual-auditions. Your Audition video should not exceed 6 minutes.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Middle school students should wear neat dress clothes that are comfortable to perform in. Remember that this is the first impression you will make on those who will evaluate you. It is also a good idea to practice in the clothes you are planning to wear at least once before you video record your audition.

High school students should wear comfortable clothing to perform in. Since high school auditions are "blind," you do not need to dress up.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT THE RESULT OF MY AUDITION?

All audition results will be announced in July. Results will be posted on our website at www.aysmusic.org. **Be sure to enter your email address correctly during the online Audition Registration process and make sure that your email account will accept mail from AYSP (not blocked by your spam folder).** Email is AYSP's primary mode of communication with students and parents.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AYSP?

To be a member of an AYSP ensemble, a student who plays a string instrument agrees to play in his or her school orchestra and a student who plays a wind, brass or percussion instrument agrees to play in his or her school band. If no school music ensemble is offered, this rule does not apply. A musician whose school does not have a music program for their instrument, or who is home schooled, however, is strongly encouraged to participate in additional musical ensembles.

IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

Yes. The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program is committed to supporting any student in need of financial assistance for tuition. Each application is assessed using a sliding scale of 25-90% of tuition cost, based on HUD Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Guidelines. Financial aid is awarded for the season, and families must reapply annually. The Financial Aid application form can be found at www.aysmusic.org/annual-auditions.
