

2025 - 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs Parent/Guardian Agreement Form

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ BEFORE CONTINUING FURTHER

Students, parents, and guardians must be aware that the Atlanta Music Project Youth Orchestras and Choirs are geared towards young musicians seeking to perform music at the highest level of proficiency. While AMP will bear the burden of the financial costs for this type of training, students will have the responsibility of committing to daily individual practice, attending rehearsals, and performing at concerts. Parents and guardians should expect to play a substantial role in supporting their child with their AMP commitments. If the student's goals do not align with the aforementioned responsibilities, the AMP Youth Orchestras and Choirs will not be a suitable program for them, and they should not continue with the registration process. For questions or concerns, please contact your appropriate program leader.

VISION & COMMITMENT

- I understand that the Atlanta Music Project Youth Orchestras & Choirs is a rigorous youth music training program with a vision to become one of the most impactful youth arts organizations in the country.
- I understand that the Atlanta Music Project Youth Orchestras & Choirs require a substantial commitment from both the participating child and parent/guardian with regard to in-person class and independent practice.

FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

- I understand that my child's participation in the 2025 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs is made possible by a full-tuition scholarship worth \$5,000 for the entire program year.
- I understand that generous individuals and foundations are supporting my child's participation in the 2025 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs.



 I understand that in exchange for this full-tuition scholarship, my child is committing to regularly attending rehearsals and performing at all major concerts.

SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE POLICY

- I have read and understand the 2025 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs rehearsal and concert schedule. The schedule can be found here.
- I have read and understand the AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs Attendance policy listed below.
- I understand that my child can and will be dismissed from the 2025 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs for violating the Attendance Policy.
- I understand that if my child is dismissed from the 2025 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs for attendance policy violations, this may render them ineligible for future AMP programs

REQUIRED MAJOR CONCERT AVAILABILITY

- I understand that it is required for my child to be available to perform at all of the major AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs concerts, as listed below. Please reserve the entire day for the performance:
 - November 15, 2025 | Time: All Day (Fall Concerts)
 - February 28, 2026 | Time: All Day (Music of the African Diaspora Concerts)
 - April 25, 2026 | Time: All Day (Spring Concerts)
- I understand that it is required for my child to attend the dress rehearsals for all of the major concerts.
- I confirm that my child is available to perform in the 2025 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs major concerts as listed above.
- I understand that if my child misses a major concert, they may be dismissed from the 2025 - 2026 AMP Youth Orchestras & Choirs.



RUN-OUT PERFORMANCES

- I understand that my child may be invited to perform in run-out performances (special performances where an outside organization invites AMP to perform at an event).
- I understand that while these opportunities are encouraged, they are not obligatory.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

- I understand that my child must arrive at rehearsal in time to warm up and be ready for rehearsal to begin on time.
- I understand that my child must practice their music individually between rehearsals.
- I understand that rehearsal time is not the only time for my child to learn their music and that my child is responsible for arriving at rehearsal with their music prepared.
- I understand that my child must come to each rehearsal with their AMP-provided music folder, pencil, and their instrument.

PROGRAM MATERIALS

- I understand that my child will receive an AMP music folder for them to use throughout the season.
- I understand that my child must return their AMP music folder at the end of the performance season.
- I understand that my child may borrow an instrument from AMP.
- I understand that my child must return the instrument to AMP at the end of the performance season.
- I understand that failure to properly care for the instrument may result in my child's instrument loan privileges being revoked.



REGISTRATION FEES

- I understand that I must pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 (\$10 for each additional sibling) once per year. To request a payment plan, please contact the appropriate program leader.
- I understand that the registration fee can be paid via the Jumbula website. Personal checks and cash are not accepted.

AMP YOUTH ORCHESTRAS & CHOIRS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Rehearsal Attendance Policy

- Young musicians are encouraged to be present for all scheduled rehearsals.
 - Young musicians are allowed two (2) unexcused absences per concert period.
 - Excused absences are considered the following:
 - Mandatory school music ensemble concerts/performances
 - Live all-state auditions, college auditions, summer program auditions, and other live auditions for programs of similar stature
 - College admission tests and interviews (College visits are not excused.)
 - Funerals
 - Illness
 - The following are NOT considered excused absences: non-musical extracurricular activities (i.e. sports, clubs)
 - This is not an exhaustive list. If you have any questions about whether your absence will be excused, please contact your program leader.
- Young musicians must be on time for all scheduled rehearsals and are expected to stay for the full rehearsal.
 - Students arriving late will be given a 10-minute grace period before they are considered late. After the 10-minutes, they will be marked as tardy.
 Young musicians are allowed four (4) tardies per concert period.



 Early dismissals are not allowed unless the program leader gives permission in advance.

Major Concert Attendance Policy

- Young musicians must be present for all major AMP concerts (including dress rehearsals).
- Young musicians are expected to stay for the entirety of concerts.
- Excused absences from major AMP concerts are considered the following:
 - Funerals
 - Illness
 - Please note: school music ensemble concerts/performances are NOT excused major AMP concert absences.

Reporting an Absence

If a young musician must miss a rehearsal, whether unexcused or excused, it must be reported to their program leader <u>in an email at least 24 hours in advance</u>. Please include the following information in the email:

- 1. Name of the student
- 2. The day of the student's absence
- 3. The reason for their absence

If an emergency arises on the day of a rehearsal and a young musician cannot be present for rehearsal, please email the program leader as soon as possible.

Young musicians who are dismissed from the program for attendance violations may be ineligible or waitlisted for future AMP programs.