

Dear VA Beach Instrumental Music Instructor:

We are reaching out on behalf of **SYMPHONICITY, The Symphony Orchestra of Virginia Beach. Symphonicity** is one of the oldest community orchestras in the country. Our primary goal is to share our love of music with our community through performance, education, and outreach.. One aspect of this commitment is through our Young Musician Scholarship Award for private lessons. This scholarship offers rising 9th - 12th grade instrumental student recipients three months of scholarship funds for private instruction with a performing instrumental educator of Symphonicity. Through this scholarship, we aim to offer musical advancement opportunities for students seeking musical excellence through instruction. Many student musicians have benefited from this scholarship award, and we'd like to invite you to consider recommending a student for this year's scholarship. **It is our desire to partner eligible VA Beach students with a qualified private instructor for musical growth and advancement.**

#### **DETAILS**

- Symphonicity is offering six scholarships for **current VA BEACH music students to receive private lessons during the summer months of June, July and August of the application year**
- Selected students will be paired with a qualified teacher member of Symphonicity. In some circumstances, students may continue with a private teacher who is not a member of Symphonicity.

#### **ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS**

##### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

- Be rising 9th-12th graders for the upcoming school year.
- Reside in Virginia Beach and attend a Virginia Beach school with active enrollment in the school's instrumental music ensemble.
- Receive a **formal nomination** from their instrumental music teacher

##### **APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

- Completed application form (found online at <https://www.symphonicity.org/scholarships> )
- Student's interest statement (250 words, typed)
- Audition submission (in person, scheduled individually following application submission)
  - 2 or 3 octave scale
  - Approved VBODA Solo (from VBODA Solo & Ensemble Catalog - teacher will have information

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each candidate's application and audition will be evaluated for the following:

- **Audition:** Musical proficiency; growth potential and commitment to study
- Final selection will consider teacher recommendation, student audition/demonstrated commitment to music study, and anticipated impact of the award.

## TIMELINE

- Application Submissions: 3/20/26 - 4/15/26
- In-Person Auditions: 4/25/26 - 5/1/26
- Recipients Notified: mid- May, contact via phone & email
- Lessons: June/July/August

## NOTES

- There is a strict deadline for receiving applications.
- Application includes an audition. **Deadline for 2026 is midnight April 15, 2026**
- Application material mailed to the Symphonicity Office (postmarked by April 15, 2026)

*Attn: Young Musician Scholarship Committee  
291 Independence Blvd, Pembroke Four, Suite 421,  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462*

Or email [office@symphonicity.org](mailto:office@symphonicity.org),

**SUBJECT LINE:** Young Musician Scholarship Application

- Students are **REQUIRED** to audition in person to be considered for a scholarship. Audition times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with applicants following receipt of application.
- Audition music must be a selected solo from the VBODA Solo & Ensemble Music catalog, available through your middle or high school music teacher. Students should dress appropriately for the audition.

We look forward to hearing your student audition! Thank you for investing in the next generation of musicians through education!

Musically,

The Community Outreach & Education Committee  
Symphonicity, The Symphony Orchestra of Virginia Beach



**Young Musician Scholarship Student Application**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Last)

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Last)

Parent Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Student Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Rising (circle one)    9th            10th            11th            12th

School Attending in Fall \_\_\_\_\_

School Music Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Last)

Years in Ensemble Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently taking private lessons?  
 Yes - With Whom? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

Have you ever taken lessons?  
 Yes - With Whom? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

## Audition Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

School of Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Selection Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer: \_\_\_\_\_

### AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible students are rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in VA Beach school instrumental music ensemble.
- Applications must be received at the Symphonicity office by midnight April 20, 2026.
- Auditions will be scheduled on Tuesday evening April 8, 2025 at Symphonicity Office. You will receive an audition time following receipt of your application.
- You will need to prepare a 2-3 octave scale of your choice, and one 3-5 minute solo piece (from approved VBODA Solo & Ensemble Catalog, available thru your teacher.) to perform for a panel of Symphonicity judges.
- Memorization and accompanist are not required.
- Plan to dress for your audition as you would for a performance. This is NOT a blind audition. Judges will see your performance audition and may ask you questions afterwards.
- Judge comment summaries may be offered to your school instructor. The scholarship committee decisions are final.



## The Symphonicity Young Musician Scholarship

### STUDENT & PARENT COMMITMENT FORM

#### STUDENT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that, as a recipient of Symphonicity's Young Musician Scholarship, there are expectations upon me and my family.

- I agree to prepare for and attend 12 weekly lessons during June, July and August.
- I agree to attend make-up lessons as needed per absence.
- I agree to practice to the very best of my ability between my lessons and work toward performance standards and goals set by my instructor and myself.
- I understand that as a scholarship recipient, I may be invited to assist with lobby activities at the annual *Children's Lollipop Concert* in January.
- I must attend at least 2 Symphonicity performances during the season  
(Complimentary tickets provided by Symphonicity)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Recipient Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### PARENT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that, as a parent/guardian of a recipient of Symphonicity's Young Musician Scholarship, there are expectations upon me and my family.

- I agree to provide an instrument in working and well- maintained condition.
- I agree to support my student through practice, lesson attendance, and communication with the instructor.
- I agree to adhere to the agreed upon lesson schedule, and provide transportation to and from lessons

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**The Symphonicity Young Musician Scholarship**

**MUSIC TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

My student, \_\_\_\_\_, has applied to receive scholarship support from Symphonicity for private instruction this summer of 2026.

- The student is enrolled in a Virginia Beach Middle School or High School instrument music class for the upcoming fall.
- My student above has faithfully prepared for our school performances.
- My student above has attended all of our school ensemble performances.  
If no, please use this space to explain:

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- The student above has demonstrated a high level of achievement from continued practice.
- The student above has demonstrated remarkable skills and commitment.
- I have included a letter of recommendation, dated within two months of the application deadline for the current year.

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First & last name, please print)

Teacher School of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Symphonicity Young Musician Scholarship**

**PRIVATE TEACHER AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am being provided remuneration from Symphonicity Scholarship Funds for coaching a student scholarship recipient.

- I agree to provide 12 weekly lessons for the student.
- I understand that I will be paid in 3 monthly (June, July, August) installments of \$200.
- I understand that I will need to submit a voucher (provided to me by Symphonicity) for these 3 payments.
- I understand that the student may re-apply for their scholarship, and they may request a different teacher.
- I understand that if the student is sufficiently advanced, I may invite them to attend a rehearsal with me, and/or potentially perform one selection with the orchestra at the Children's Lollipop concert in January. (*Performance participation requires student preparation toward excellence*)

Private Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First & Last, please print)

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Agreement: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_