

Youth Music Academy – Choir and Orchestra
Policies and Information for Academic Year 2019-2020

Please print and keep a copy of these policies for reference throughout the year.

Patrick Henry College is a faith-based institution and has established clear mission and worldview statements, which all full-time and adjunct faculty embrace. While participants in the PHC-YMA will not be asked to sign any statements of faith or worldview, we do ask that all participants become acquainted with the views of the college and behave in a way that demonstrates respect for these views. Please refer to our website for more information: www.phc.edu/music_yma.php

TUITION AND FEES:

Choir:

- First student - \$400 – year
- Second student - \$250 – year
- Third and subsequent students - \$100 – year

Orchestra:

- First student - \$300 – year
- Second student - \$200 – year
- Third and subsequent students - \$100

- YMA minimum age: Choir students must be 13 years old by the first rehearsal of the semester. Orchestra participation is based on ability rather than age.
- Since music is selected based on registered students' instruments and voice parts, students are expected to commit to YMA for the full academic year.
- Families with student(s) in both choir and orchestra may deduct \$50. This applies when one student is enrolled in both ensembles or when one student is in choir and another student is in orchestra; however, only one \$50 discount will be given per family.
- Families may submit payment for all tuition and fees with their registration form, or they may split their tuition into 2 payments. The first tuition payment must accompany the registration and the second payment is due by the first rehearsal day of the second semester. Please make a copy of your paperwork, noting times and amounts when payments are due.
- Students are required to purchase the following website-specific uniform items** (exact store links will be provided in a separate email).
 - YMA School Uniform polo shirt (short sleeved with logo, required for all students' casual attire)
 - Lands End School Uniform Khakis (required for ALL students' casual attire)
 - Ladies: Black Concert Dress (required for the ladies' formal attire)
 - Gentlemen: Black vest and tie (required for guys' formal attire)
- If space is available, directors may hold auditions mid-year. Students who join for the second semester will be charged half of the regular tuition rates.
- If you are able, please consider giving a donation to YMA to help provide scholarship money to students as well as defray concert set up and transportation costs. Those families who donate any amount will be acknowledged in our concert program unless they indicate a desire to remain anonymous.
- Some scholarship money for student fees and uniform assistance may be available for student families in financial need. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please contact one of the directors.

WITHDRAWALS:

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- Any student who registers and then withdraws, must do so in writing **before** the second rehearsal of the year or semester and will be refunded the corresponding amount (year/semester) less a \$50 processing fee per student. No refunds for withdrawals after the second rehearsal of the semester will be granted.
- Refunds are only made twice per year, in September and January. Once a statement of withdrawal is made in writing to PHC/YMA, a check will be cut for any money owed at the next available refund date.

ABSENCES:

- When emergencies or other events cause your student to be absent from rehearsals and/or performances, a **parent must email** the appropriate director as soon as possible. Please provide as much notice as possible. Do not send messages by the students; the directors need notice of absences in writing from a parent. CHOIR: Rod Appleton, rod.appleton@c21nm.com; ORCHESTRA: Todd Morrison, morrison@dawsongap.com
- Unexcused absences from scheduled rehearsals and performances may impact a student's future participation in YMA.
- The Saturday rehearsals before concerts are mandatory for performance in the concert. **Please check scheduled SAT dates and plan accordingly.**
- **Take a moment now to mark all scheduled rehearsals, performances, and events on your calendar! Please mark tentative dates as well.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCY POLICY:

- **The Youth Music Academy follows Patrick Henry College policy regarding closings and delays in case of bad weather or emergencies.**
- **Mr. Appleton will be notified by PHC and a YMA Chairman email will be sent out as soon as possible.**

DRESS CODE:

In keeping with PHC's dress code, please follow these guidelines when on campus or representing PHC on outings:

- *Business Casual.* During business hours (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday), students are to dress as a professional would when working in a well-dressed business environment while in one of the College's educational buildings. In addition to the general guidelines above, students must observe the following guidelines:
 1. Men wear collared shirts, tucked in; nice sweaters and vests are also acceptable. No sweatshirts. Nice slacks (dress pants or Dockers style). No shorts, cargo pants, or blue jeans. Dress shoes or loafers should be worn; shoes should be professional and in good repair. No tennis shoes or casual sandals.
 2. Women wear blouses and nice tops (no spaghetti straps or cleavage showing), and skirts, dresses, or slacks (dress slacks or Dockers style). No shorts or blue jeans. Women are to wear dress shoes; sandals that would be considered professional business attire may also be worn. No tennis shoes or flip-flops. Refrain from excessive or gaudy jewelry and excessive make-up.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE (BOTH ENSEMBLES):

- **Casual performance attire: ALL STUDENTS: YMA polo shirt and khaki slacks (both from Lands End), comfortable dress shoes suitable for walking (no sneakers or flip-flops).**
- **Formal performance attire:**
 1. **Ladies: black floor length dress, black hose, black shoes.**
 2. **Gentlemen: black slacks, white long sleeved collared shirt (tucked in), long black necktie, black belt, black socks, black shoes.**