

Youth Music Academy Policies

2018-2019

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/youth-music-academy

TUITION:

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.
 - We prefer that families submit full tuition payment with their registration form; however, if it is necessary to ease the financial strain, families may split their tuition into 2 payments. The first tuition payment must accompany the registration form, and the second payment is due by the last rehearsal day of the first semester.
 - 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.
 - **Students will also need to purchase a short sleeve YMA polo shirt** and wear it for casual performances and trips during the year. Refer to the ordering information and link on our website.
 - 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 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.

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.**

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- **SPECIAL NOTE:** Short, student-led devotions take place in the middle of choir rehearsal each week. Students who give devotions should be committed followers of Jesus Christ and will have some general guidelines to follow, but the devotions may cover a variety of topics. Parents who do not wish for their students to participate in this devotion time must notify Mr. Appleton beforehand; they will be excused for 10 minutes to the coffee shop only and must be responsible to return on time.

WITHDRAWALS:

- Students who register and then choose to withdraw must do so in writing to the director **before the second rehearsal in September** in order to receive a refund. Refunds after the second rehearsal will only be considered if due to health reasons or a family emergency.
- Once a statement of withdrawal is made in writing to YMA with a request of a refund, a check will be cut for any money owed minus a \$50 processing fee per student.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCY POLICY:

- The Youth Music Academy follows the Loudoun County Public School policy regarding closings and delays in case of bad weather or emergencies. In the event that Loudoun County Public Schools are closed all day, the YMA will not meet that day. In the event of a Loudoun County Public School delayed opening, either one or two-hour delay, the YMA will meet as regularly scheduled. In the event of a Loudoun County Public School early closing, YMA will not meet.
- School closings, delays, or early dismissals will be announced on the radio, local television stations, or can be found on the Loudoun County Public School website, www.loudoun.k12.va.us

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 denim. 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, jeans, or athletic wear. Women are to wear dress shoes; sandals that would be considered professional business attire may also be worn. Tennis shoes and flip-flops are not permitted. Refrain from excessive or gaudy jewelry and excessive make-up.

PERFORMANCE WEAR (BOTH ENSEMBLES):

- **Formal performance wear** for ALL students: **long-sleeved white button down collared dress shirt/blouse and black dress shoes**
 1. **Gentlemen: black slacks and long black necktie**
 2. **Ladies: black floor length skirt**
- **Casual performance wear:** YMA polo shirt, khaki slacks (preferred for everyone), or khaki skirt for the ladies (at least mid-calf length), and comfortable dress shoes suitable for walking (no sneakers or flip-flops).