



About Tuition and Fundraising for NJYS

In the past, ALL tuition has been subsidized by fundraising. The average actual cost to run NJYS is \$1,730 per student. Tuition rates vary between the different ensembles based on the hours of rehearsal, numbers of students, and required materials and instruments.

We are letting you know what the Full Cost for participation in each ensemble as a matter of transparency, and as an explanation of why we need to fundraise each year.

If you are able, we encourage you to make a tax-deductible donation to cover the gap between the subsidized cost of tuition and the full cost of tuition. This contribution will be credited towards your child(ren)'s Playathon donation.

We will still need to fundraise and rely on parent volunteers for several reasons:

- Not all students will be able to make an extra contribution, and some will require financial aid
- NJYS has spent all of its cash reserves and we need to build up the reserves again. Just because we are a nonprofit, it does not mean we cannot achieve a surplus of revenue in any given year. In fact, it is good practice to have surpluses in case of an emergency.
- Fundraising dollars can go towards purchasing new music, new percussion and doubling instruments, as well as guest artists, commissioning, and subsidizing retreats and tours.
- We are a nonprofit organization. Our mission is to provide the highest quality performing arts education to a wide range of students in a supportive and inclusive environment, where striving for personal excellence inspires and connects those we teach to the communities we serve.

If you are able to provide the actual cost of tuition by making a contribution, please do so. If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact me directly Karen.Deschere@whartonarts.org or call me at **908-790-0700**.

2017-18 Tuition Rates for NJYS

| Ensemble | Subsidized Tuition | Suggested Donation | FULL Tuition |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Youth Symphony | 1,550 | 258 | 1,808 |
| Youth Orchestra | 1,410 | 258 | 1,668 |
| Philharmonia | 1,300 | 258 | 1,558 |
| Sinfonia | 1,150 | 258 | 1,408 |
| Junior Strings | 1,045 | 258 | 1,303 |
| Prep Strings | 1,045 | 258 | 1,303 |
| Junior Winds | 980 | 258 | 1,238 |
| Flutes (3 ensembles) | 1,045 | 258 | 1,303 |
| Clarinet Ensemble | 980 | 258 | 1,,238 |
| Percussion Ensemble | 1,255 | 258 | 1,513 |
| Jazz Workshop | 760 | 258 | 1,018 |

The NJYS budget is on the Playathon page of the website in case you are interested in learning more about how the funds are spent.