



## Financial Aid Application (confidential) Region and All State Festivals

Thanks to gifts from donors and a long-standing commitment of the Executive Committee, Alabama Orchestra Association (AOA) is able to provide financial aid to students who qualify for Region and/or All State Festivals. Families must submit this form and demonstrate financial need. Since funds are limited, we recommend submitting as early as possible.

Families must apply each academic year for Financial Aid. Application period for each year will be available on AOA's website ([www.alabamaorchestraassociation.org](http://www.alabamaorchestraassociation.org)). In reviewing applications for subsequent years, students must show commitment through attendance at rehearsals at previous Festivals. Students with significant absences may support for the next year at the discretion of program staff. While award amounts will be varied based on application information, awards generally do not cover instruments and supplies and audition and registration fees must be paid in advance.

### Award Obligations:

- Consistent attendance at rehearsals
- Consistent practice and preparation (All State)
- Positive evaluation from Festival staff
- Recipient must pay fees not covered by financial aid in full and in a timely fashion

Please note – at the time of application, all outstanding fees from previous Festivals must be paid in full.

### Selection Policy

Financial Aid decisions are made according to the following:

- Financial need as indicated by income and/or family extenuating circumstances
- Availability of funds
- Applicant's payment history with previous AOA Festivals and activities

### Instructions

The following items must be completed and submitted to AOA by the published deadline to be considered.

- **Confidential Financial Aid Application** – please complete fully and accurately
- **Copy of most recent U.S. Tax Form** (IRS Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) must be attached to the Confidential Financial Aid Application. If your family also receives government assistance, please provide a copy of your benefits information or a payment check stub. Families with more than one participating student should complete only one application noting all students where indicated.
- **If changes exist since the filing of the attached tax form.** If additional explanations of financial or other circumstances are required, information should be provided in writing on the Statement of Financial Need.

All information submitted will remain confidential and be destroyed after award decisions are made.

**Applications that are incomplete or do not include all of the documentation above will not be reviewed.**

Families will be notified of their award status when determined. Award checks will be sent before the Festival.

**Alabama Orchestra Association  
Financial Aid Application  
General Information Form**

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

Number of students on application \_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email address \_\_\_\_\_

The family is applying for financial assistance from the Alabama Orchestra Association for

Name \_\_\_\_\_ All State Festival \_\_\_\_ Region Festival \_\_\_\_

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Voluntary information for state/federal statistical and grant reporting Only. **Will not affect award decision.**

Student Age \_\_\_\_\_

Student Gender Identity \_\_\_\_\_

Student Race Identity \_\_\_\_\_

**Alabama Orchestra Association  
Financial Aid Application Financial Information Form**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Annual Income—Please list all sources of income from all household members

➤ Parent/Guardian #1 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

➤

➤ Parent/Guardian #2 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

➤

Other Annual Income (Please specify source and amount)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Current Annual Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If this amount differs from the amount shown on Federal Income Tax Form, please explain

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dependents – please list all dependents in household by name, beginning with student applying for financial aid

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student applicant qualify for the free or reduced lunch program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If divorced or separated, does the non-custodial parent assist with expenses? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have provided current, accurate and truthful information. I understand that should I receive financial aid, I will be responsible for paying any balance and applicable fees by indicated deadlines. I have signed the attached Letter of Agreement outlining attendance and other guidelines and understand that the Festival Staff will be aware that I receive financial aid in order to help the evaluation process.

Knowing what the financial responsibilities are for the indicated Festivals, what amount do you believe you can contribute toward these expenses? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian #1 Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian #2 Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Alabama Orchestra Association  
Letter of Agreement**

Name of Financial Aid Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

As a potential recipient of financial aid, you must meet the expectations outlined below, this will ensure that you receive the best possible instruction and that the Alabama Orchestra Association makes the best use of its limited financial resources.

**EXPECTATIONS**

- Aid recipients should attend all rehearsal for the ensemble for which she/he is registered. If recipient is unable to attend a rehearsal due to illness or emergency, the aid recipient will notify the appropriate Festival Staff. Repeated absences will jeopardize the recipient's eligibility for future aid.
- The recipient should be on time for all rehearsals.
- Recipients should bring appropriate materials to all rehearsals.
- Recipients will prepare for each session according to requirements designed by Festival staff.
- Aid recipients must pay fees and expenses not covered by financial aid.
- Recipient will abide by all Festival rules and policies.

I certify that I have read and understood the above expectations.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Completed Financial Aid Application, along with all requested documentation should be sent to:

**Financial Aid Chair  
Alabama Orchestra Association  
134 Halls Creek Ln.  
Dothan AL 36301**

Or

[triciamarotz@gmail.com](mailto:triciamarotz@gmail.com)

**Alabama Orchestra Association  
Financial Aid Application  
Student Essay**

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

Please write a short essay describing your musical experiences and ambitions. Please provide information about yourself, including biographical information, music passions and interests, and information about artistic endeavors you have participated in or are participating in. How will funds received from the Alabama Orchestra Association assist your artistic future?

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

**Alabama Orchestra Association  
Financial Aid Application  
Statement of Financial Need**

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

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to provide a statement of need, written by the parent or guardian for the student named above. This statement should document why you are seeking financial aid and any additional information you wish for the committee to consider when determining award amounts. As funds are limited, it is important that financial needs are explained in detail.

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