

**YOUTH
SYMPHONY of
KANSAS CITY**



**2026-2027
New Candidate
Application**

PERCUSSION

2026-2027 New Applicant Audition Requirements

Note: This is only for new students who have not previously participated in Youth Symphony of Kansas City.

Thank you for your interest in joining the Youth Symphony of Kansas City. As part of your application, candidates auditioning for YSKC should record a **single, continuous, and unedited video** including:

- A short verbal introduction from the candidate (1 minute) talking about themselves, why music is important to them, why they wish to join YSKC, and what they hope to achieve in future.
- A **performance of the material** for the orchestra you would like to be considered for in Fall of 2026, **as outlined below**.

Once this is completed, please upload this as an UNLISTED video to YouTube, and provide the link to this video in your application.

Note: If you choose to audition on more than one instrument (i.e. cello and bassoon) submit two videos on ONE application.

Here are a few things for candidates to remember when submitting an application:

- At YSKC, we look for musical **potential**, not perfection.
- We help and encourage our students to **find their own voice** and develop individual excellence.
- Throughout **elementary, middle, and high school**, we help students turn aspiration into achievement.

We're passionate about helping young musicians like you reach their musical potential in an orchestral setting and beyond. We are excited to meet you via video submission, and we really look forward to hearing you play.

Good Luck!

Reachel Beichley

Interim Executive Director - Youth Symphony of Kansas City

Questions? Email us at hello@yskc.org.

2026-2027 New Applicant Process

This is a guide for how to fill out your application. It is a five-step process outlined below:

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1. Follow this link to submit the inquiry form: <https://www.yskc.org/start-here/>
2. After submitting the inquiry form, you will receive an email prompting you to create a Veracross account. Veracross is YSKC's secure online portal where families complete application and enrollment steps, submit forms and payments, and receive important updates throughout the season.
3. Complete all checklist items and submit your video audition in the Veracross Admissions Portal before **Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 11:59 CST.**
 - **Step 1:** Login to the admission portal.
 - **Step 2:** Pay the application fee and submit a YouTube link containing a single audition video in one take.
 - **Step 3:** Refresh your page and fill out the student/guardian information.
4. An acceptance decision made by the YSKC Faculty will be available in your Veracross portal by **Saturday, August 15, 2026.**
5. If offered a position, accept your position, fill out the enrollment form, and pay the enrollment fee and tuition deposit before **August 20, 2026.** Congratulations on becoming a member of the Youth Symphony of Kansas City!

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Philharmonic Orchestra (2026-2027)

PLEASE RECORD AN UNEDITED VIDEO CONTAINING:

- A short verbal introduction from the candidate (1 minute) talking about themselves, why music is important to them, why they wish to join YSKC, and what they hope to achieve in future (as mentioned in the General 2026/27 Entrance Requirements).
- The orchestral excerpt below - prioritizing intonation, tone and rhythm over tempo.
- 2-3 minutes of a piece of your choice, **which best showcases your talents.**

Excerpt B
Shostakovich- Symphony No. 10, Mvt. 2
2/4 time signature. Quarter note=180
On split staves, bottom line is snare drum.

98 *T. ml. solo*

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Upload your audition video that includes the **verbal introduction, orchestral excerpt, and solo piece** to YouTube as an **unlisted video**, viewable via link ([see instructional video](#)).

Copy and paste the unlisted link into your YSKC application, accessible via our Candidate Portal at YSKC.org.

PERCUSSION 2026

Symphony Orchestra (2026-2027)

PLEASE RECORD AN UNEDITED VIDEO CONTAINING:

- A short verbal introduction from the candidate (1 minute) talking about themselves, why music is important to them, why they wish to join YSKC, and what they hope to achieve in future (as mentioned in the General 2026/27 Entrance Requirements)
- The orchestral excerpts below - prioritizing intonation, tone and rhythm over tempo.
- 2-3 minutes of a piece of your choice, **which best showcases your talents.**

SNARE DRUM

Rimsky-Korsakov: *Scheherazade* (fourth movement: P-R)

The image displays a musical score for a snare drum part, consisting of five staves of music. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Dynamic markings such as *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *R* (ritardando) are present. The score is written in a single melodic line on a five-line staff with a treble clef. The first staff begins with a *P* (piano) marking. The second staff has a *f* marking. The third staff has a *1* marking. The fourth staff has a *1* marking and a *Q* (quasi) marking. The fifth staff has a *mf* marking and an *R* marking.

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Shostakovich: *The Golden Age* (Polka: 6 after 45–1 after 46)



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