We are Community
Oakland Youth Orchestras is much more than dedicated student musicians led by accomplished conductors.
We are community.

We are:
Students – A diverse group that comes together through their love of music; who learn, laugh, and make friendships that last for years.
Parents – Who see their children grow and excel; who meet other parents through OYO volunteer and fundraising activities.
Conductors – Professional musicians and experienced music educators who understand that making music is a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Our Orchestras:

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What is SCORE?

OYO SCORE is an orchestral performance program funded through donations from individuals and business organizations, such as Meijer, dedicated to supporting community youth programs. This program offers elementary through high school students in underserved communities the opportunity to participate in OYO’s premier music education program.

How SCORE Works

• Fill out the attached application form and mail to the address indicated on the form.

• A representative from OYO will contact you to arrange a meeting to discuss participation opportunities. The amount of tuition aid will be determined during the meeting based upon financial need and qualifications.

• An audition with an OYO conductor will then be scheduled to determine placement in one of OYO's four orchestras.

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