

Palaver Music Center After-School Strings Program

What is the After-School Strings program?

The Palaver Music Center (PMC) After-School Strings Program strives to generate a love of music, foster creativity, and hold space for shared dialogue with young people from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. It is designed to provide quality string education for all young people interested in playing a classical stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello and bass).

The program includes: 1 private lesson, and 1 group class a week for 24 weeks throughout the school year (October-May). The program also includes: a string instrument, recital opportunities for all students, free tickets to Palaver Strings performances and complimentary tickets to other Portland-area concerts.

How do I use this chart?

1. In the top row, find your family size or how many people live in your home.
2. Look down that column until you find the dollar amount that best describes how much your family or household earns per year.
3. Look to the left of that dollar amount to find the tuition and percent (%) of full tuition that is associated with (or closest to) your family income.

| | Persons In Household | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 100% of tuition | \$2,250 or \$281.25/month | \$74,400 | \$83,700 | \$93,000 | \$100,440 | \$107,880 | \$115,320 |
| 80% of tuition | \$1,800 or \$225/month | \$59,550 | \$67,000 | \$74,400 | \$80,400 | \$86,350 | \$92,300 |
| 60% of tuition | \$1,350 or \$168.75/month | \$44,640 | \$50,220 | \$55,800 | \$60,264 | \$64,728 | \$69,192 |
| 50% of tuition | \$1,125 or \$140.50/month | \$37,200 | \$41,850 | \$46,500 | \$50,250 | \$53,950 | \$57,700 |
| 30% of tuition | \$675 or \$84.25/month | \$22,350 | \$25,150 | \$27,900 | \$30,170 | \$34,590 | \$39,010 |
| 20% of tuition | \$450 or \$56.25/month | \$14,880 | \$16,740 | \$18,600 | \$20,088 | \$21,576 | \$23,064 |
| 10% of tuition | \$225 or \$28/month | \$7,440 | \$8,370 | \$9,300 | \$10,044 | \$10,788 | \$11,532 |

Income Limits based on HUD Area Median Income for Portland, Maine 2019

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/2371/Portland-Area-Median-Income>

What are the pieces that add up to the full tuition of \$2,250?

- Private Lessons (24) – \$1,225
- Group Class (24) – \$500
- Instrument Rental (12 months) - \$225
- Administrative Costs - \$300

Other program activities include the annual Palaver Music Center recital and other outside performances scheduled throughout the year

Is there financial aid available?

Yes, if you find that the tuition amount associated with your income is not affordable, please apply for scholarship through our Financial Aid process. Please email Managing Director of Education, Matthew Smith at matthew@palaverstrings.org or Education Coordinator, Brianna Fischler at brianna@palaverstrings.org for a Financial Aid application or more information.

Financial Aid Application Due – September 18, 2023

When is tuition due for the program?

Tuition for the entire year is divided into two equal payments.

1st Payment Due – September 18, 2023

2nd Payment Due - January 29, 2024

Palaver Strings is committed to ensuring that every child who wants to participate can. If you would like to pay through a payment plan please fill out a Financial Aid application and contact Matthew Smith at matthew@palaverstrings.org.