

Palaver Music Center Introduction to Strings Program

What is the Introduction to Strings program?

The Palaver Music Center (PMC) Introduction to 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 offer Pre-Kindergarten students from Portland and surrounding communities the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of playing a string instrument. The program provides high-quality beginning violin, viola or cello instruction. For many students, this head-start training may encourage them to continue the study of a musical instrument in Palaver's core After-School Strings Program.

The program includes: weekly group classes, and an instrument throughout the 15 week program (January-May). It also includes a final spring recital where all students have the opportunity to share what they learned, and free tickets to all Palaver Strings performances.

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	\$400 or \$80/month	\$74,400	\$83,700	\$93,000	\$100,440	\$107,880	\$115,320
80% of tuition	\$320 or \$64/month	\$59,550	\$67,000	\$74,400	\$80,400	\$86,350	\$92,300
60% of tuition	\$240 or \$48/month	\$44,640	\$50,220	\$55,800	\$60,264	\$64,728	\$69,192
50% of tuition	\$200 or \$40/month	\$37,200	\$41,850	\$46,500	\$50,250	\$53,950	\$57,700
30% of tuition	\$120 or \$24/month	\$22,350	\$25,150	\$27,900	\$30,170	\$34,590	\$39,010
20% of tuition	\$80 or \$16/month	\$14,880	\$16,740	\$18,600	\$20,088	\$21,576	\$23,064
10% of tuition	\$40 or \$8/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>

Is there financial aid available?

Yes, if you find that the tuition amount associated with your income is not affordable or wish to make payments in installments please apply for Financial Aid. Please email Managing Director of Education, Matthew Smith at matthew@palaverstrings.org

Financial Aid Application Due – January 11, 2022

When is tuition due for the program?

A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 will secure your spot in the program. Tuition for the due at Orientation, January 11, 2022 unless applying for Financial Aid. See below for all fee due dates:

\$25 Registration Fee Due – December 31, 2021

Acceptance notifications will be emailed - January 4, 2022

Payment Due (unless applying for Financial Aid) – January 11, 2022

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.