Dear Parents and Musicians,

Thank you for your interest in the ECSYO program. We are embarking on

another year of fun and this season we are able to provide many benefits to our members.

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra is a non-profit organization that provides

local young musicians, from grades 8-12, the opportunity to perform challenging, high quality

musical compositions, bridging the gap between school band and string programs. We also

offer a Strings Ensemble for younger students in grades 4-8.

The ECSYO is working closely with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra to provide a

valuable and unique musical experience. Our participants benefit from educational workshops

with Toshiyuki Shimada, Music Director and Conductor for the ECSO. We offer exciting behind

the scenes experiences with the ECSO, and professional mentorship opportunities.

The ECSYO is a special program. We are striving to inspire our students to reach beyond the

musical experiences offered in school programs, to expose them to the possibilities in the world of

musical arts. It is our sincere hope that through their involvement with ECSYO, our students will gain a

strong work ethic and a deep love of music. We are always looking for dedicated musicians, please spread the word!

**Tuition & Rehearsal Information:**

Strings Ensemble- Meets every Monday evening (Jan-May) from 6:30pm-8:00pm @ The Northeast Academy for the Arts in Groton, CT~ $100 per semester ($200/yr.), 25% discount for additional siblings ($150/year).

Youth Orchestra-Meets every Monday evening (Jan-May) from 6:30pm-8:30pm @ Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, CT.~ $130 per semester ($260/yr.), 25% discount for additional siblings ($195/year).

Tuition may be paid in full or per semester- See the parent board for any special circumstances. Checks

can be made to Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra (ECSYO).

**Commitment Letter:**

Please read and sign the attached commitment form to solidify your intentions to participate fully in the ECSYO including attending rehearsals, concerts, and community performances as well as tuition responsibilities. Please don’t hesitate to contact our ECSYO Parent Board or ECSYO conductor with any questions. We look forward to our spring season and working with you all!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kate Anderson ECSYO Conductor/director

kanderson@thompsonk12.org

ECSYO Parent Board

Scott Westervelt~President

swstrvlt@comcast.net

**Eastern Connecticut Symphony Youth Orchestra**

**Commitment Form**

Name of Musician:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Instrument:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years Playing:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Attending & Grade Level\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Private instructor: (Yes/No)

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

Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**By Signing below, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_understand that I am making the commitment to fully participate in the ECSYO for the Spring 2020 Spring Season which will begin in January and conclude in May. I understand that by signing this form, I agree to the tuition responsibilities and performance requirements that include concerts and/or community performances. I understand that my participation in the ECSYO is contingent upon an entrance audition (a short musical selection that showcases your musicianship skills) which will take place on the first rehearsal of the Spring 2020 season at NFA.**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read the above information and give my permission for my child to participate in the ECSYO and agree to the tuition responsibilities and performance requirements that include concerts and/or community performances that my child will be participating in.**

**Please return this form to your teacher/ECSYO parent board ASAP**