

CONGRATULATIONS on your successful audition! The phenomenal MYS Symphony Orchestra experience will be taken to new levels when this season's orchestra tours FINLAND/BALTICS in 2019! So how will you raise money to pay for the tour? Start NOW by creating your own plan for a successful personal fundraising campaign! Look over the ideas below, come up with ideas of your own, and stay connected (thoroughly read all MYS emails; check the MYS website, mnyouthsymphonies.org, for Fundraising opportunities and updates; watch for Fundraising Events on Facebook; and look for pertinent literature at rehearsals).

STAY TUNED....for a fundraising opportunity!

- ~ **MYS plans to hold a benefit concert featuring Symphony students on Friday, March 8th at Sundin Hall on the Hamline University campus. This will be a ticketed event benefitting the tour and feature opportunities for students to earn money for their trip and perform as a soloist or part of a small group.**

TELL PEOPLE ... about your opportunity to perform in Finland and ask for support!

- ~ Create your own Facebook page or crowd funding page (using sites like GoFundMe.com). Work with your family to carefully select the content of your pages, including information about you, MYS, and the exciting tour to Finland and the Baltics. But be mindful when sharing any detailed personal information online!
- ~ Send a letter to family members, friends, music teachers, school teachers, and those who have supported your music over the years. Tell them about the exciting MYS Tour and let them know how much their support would mean to you. Make donating simple! Include a link to a GoFundMe.com page and consider enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- ~ Visit your local Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and other Civic organizations that may be willing to help send one of their area's best young musicians to Finland and the Baltics!



GET READY TO PERFORM ... as a soloist or as part of a small group!

- ~ Hold private recitals for family/friends/teachers and ask guests to support your trip.
- ~ Seek out locations where you could open your case and fill the air with your music ("busking"), allowing passersby the opportunity to listen and possibly show their support. [Make sure to get any required permits before setting up impromptu concerts!]
- ~ Visit local retirement centers, churches, restaurants, banquet centers / halls, etc. and inquire about performance opportunities.
- ~ Contact your local county fair and ask about performance options during fairs and shows.

WORK ... work ... work!

- ~ Let your employer know about your opportunity to play on tour, and ask for additional hours to help you pay for the trip.
- ~ Organize a Bagging Groceries event at a store or market! This form of fundraising usually requires organization sponsorship through use of the nonprofit number. Students must be accompanied by at least two parents. All proceeds are sent to MYS by a parent in charge and those proceeds are divided evenly among the students for the time period during which they participated. If you participate in this type of fundraising, the money you and your friends make is held in accounting by MYS and released at the time of your final payment as part of your payment. Consider organizing your orchestra section or with a group of friends.

Details ... details ... details!

- ~ Donations paid directly to you for your personal fundraising efforts are not tax deductible; you may collect these donations at any time and use them towards your tour cost.
- ~ Donations paid directly to MYS are tax deductible but cannot be designated to a specific student.
- ~ Donations provided to a group of students organized under the MYS nonprofit account or sponsored by MYS are not tax deductible if they are for a product or a service (performance); participating students will have their share of this type of fundraising money held in student MYS accounts to be used towards tour payments.