



**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Elementary Strings Teacher**  
**Corvallis Youth Symphony Association**  
Corvallis, Oregon

The Corvallis Youth Symphony Association (CYSA), <http://cysassoc.org/>, is a non-profit organization that, for over 40 years, has provided young people with opportunities for exceptional musical learning and performance experiences, enhanced local school music programs, and developed an awareness and appreciation of great music for students, their families, and the broader community. CYSA programs include the Corvallis Youth Symphony (CYS), the Willamette Valley Junior Honors Symphony (JHS), Elementary Strings (ES), and *Encore!* (honors elementary orchestra), as well as summer camps and a private lessons program. The organization serves students in third grade through high school from three counties in the mid-Willamette Valley. This includes eight elementary schools, eight middle schools, seven high schools, and students from the local homeschool community. The Corvallis Youth Symphony Foundation, a separate non-profit, helps provide long-term financial support for CYSA.

**POSITION: Elementary Strings Teacher**

Corvallis Youth Symphony Association (CYSA) invites applications for a part-time (~26 hours/month) Elementary Strings Teacher position. Elementary Strings Teachers report to the Lead Elementary Strings Teacher and to the Executive Director.

**The successful applicant will be expected to perform the following responsibilities:**

Provide instruction to Level 1 and Level 2 elementary orchestra students (violin, viola, and cello) in a mixed strings setting in the Corvallis, Oregon public schools, as assigned by the Lead ES Teacher and/or Executive Director.

In addition to in-class teaching hours (two, 45-minute class sessions/week for each class taught, before or after school), time is spent preparing for class, traveling to and from schools, and setting up the classroom environment. Additional contact hours are in recruitment and registration, school and community recitals, Winter and Spring group rehearsals and concerts, and in contacts with parents and school staff through email, phone calls, and if appropriate, in person. The ES Teacher should be available for regular meetings with the ES Lead Teacher, ES Teaching staff, and occasional meetings or conversations with the Executive Director and/or members of the Board.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be a resident of the mid-Willamette Valley area or willing to relocate. The successful applicant will be a highly dynamic and vibrant individual dedicated to continuing the CYSA tradition of musical excellence. They will possess:

- A love of teaching elementary students the fundamentals of violin, viola, and cello.

- Ability to play and teach violin, viola, and cello at least at a basic level of competency with excellent tone and intonation, while specializing in one or two primary string instruments.
- BM or BA in Music Education or Music Performance. *Master's degree in Music Performance or Music Education, and/or Teaching License preferred but not required.*
- Demonstrated ability to reach a classroom of students at all levels of ability.
- Demonstrated ability to maintain discipline in the classroom and at concerts and rehearsals.
- Demonstrated ability to recruit and retain students in a music program.
- Leadership and teamwork skills, demonstrating exceptional maturity and integrity as a representative of CYSA and as a professional teacher.
- Must pass a fingerprint background check every three (3) years and agree to all policies laid out in the CYSA Employee Handbook.

This start date of this part-time position is September 1, 2023 – but applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. The salary is \$3,500 - \$4,000 **per class** (most teachers teach at least 2 classes).

Do you have any questions about this position or the Corvallis Youth Symphony Association? Please reach out via email to: [cysahiring@gmail.com](mailto:cysahiring@gmail.com)

**READY TO APPLY?**

Please send cover letter, resume or CV, and names of three references to: [cysahiring@gmail.com](mailto:cysahiring@gmail.com)

**Include the job title in the subject line.**

**For full consideration apply by September 15, 2023.**

*Corvallis Youth Symphony Association is an equal-opportunity employer that welcomes any qualified applicant and values diversity, equity, access, and inclusion.*