

Instructions for the 2026/27 Online Application Process

Timeline for 2026/27 Auditions

1. April 1, 2026: Online applications open.
Note: All applications must be completed by a parent/guardian using a parent/guardian account, not a student's account.
2. April 1–May 4, 2026: Submit your online application and \$55 audition fee. The deadline for submissions is May 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM. *For those who have financial hardship and would like to request an audition fee waiver, you must email HYS@HoustonYouthSymphony.org BEFORE April 30 at 9:00 am. If you do not request a fee waiver before this day, you will not be considered for a waiver.*
3. Mid to late June 2026: Audition placement notifications sent by email. No phone calls, please.

Notes for all applicants

1. DO NOT REMOVE YOUR AUDITION VIDEO FROM YOUTUBE until you have received an audition placement notification (in mid-June).
2. If you are auditioning on two separate instruments (eg. flute and violin), send an email to michael@houstonyouthsymphony.org before submitting any applications. You will receive instructions on how to submit multiple applications.

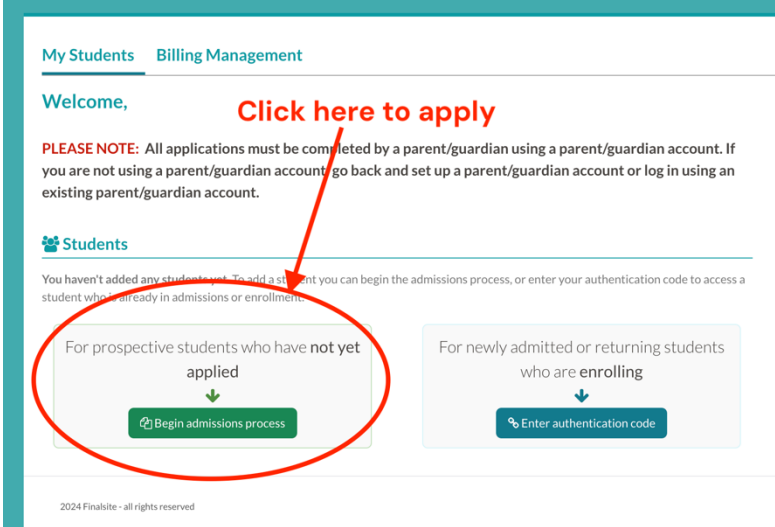
Starting your Online Application

To begin your online application, you need to determine which of the following scenarios applies to you.

- A. Musicians applying to HYS for the first time with this portal
- B. Musicians who have applied before but did not participate in HYS this year
- C. Current HYS Musicians

A. Musicians applying to HYS for the first time with this portal

1. Create an account on the HYS enrollment portal using the following link:
<https://houstonyouthsymphony.fsenrollment.com/portal>
 - a. Note: All applications must be completed by a parent/guardian using a parent/guardian account.
2. After creating an account, please select "Begin admissions process". Complete the application.
3. At the end of the application, you will be directed to pay the application fee.
4. After you have submitted your application and paid the fee, please log back into your account and upload a recent photo to complete the application process.



The screenshot shows the HYS enrollment portal interface. At the top, there are navigation links for "My Students" and "Billing Management". Below that, a "Welcome," message is displayed, followed by a red "Click here to apply" link. A "PLEASE NOTE" section states that all applications must be completed by a parent/guardian using a parent/guardian account. Under the "Students" section, there are two options: "For prospective students who have not yet applied" with a green "Begin admissions process" button, and "For newly admitted or returning students who are enrolling" with a blue "Enter authentication code" button. A red circle highlights the "Begin admissions process" button, and a red arrow points from the "Click here to apply" link to it. At the bottom, there is a small copyright notice: "2024 Finalsite - all rights reserved".

B. Musicians who have applied before but did not participate in HYS this year

1. Visit the HYS enrollment portal using the following link:
<https://houstonyouthsymphony.fsenrollment.com/portal>
 - a. Note: All applications must be completed by a parent/guardian using a parent/guardian account, not a student's account.
2. On your homepage, you will be presented with two options.
 - a. **Apply for a new year**
 - OR
 - b. **Begin admissions process**

Click here to apply

OR

Select "Apply for a new year"

3. Complete the application.
4. At the end of the application, you will be directed to pay the application fee.
5. After you have submitted your application and paid the fee, please log back into your account and upload a recent photo to complete the application process.

C. Current HYS Musicians

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 - a. Note: All applications must be completed by a parent/guardian using a parent/guardian account, not a student's account.
2. On your homepage, select "Apply for a New Year".
3. You will notice that parent and household information has been pre-filled. You can clear it and start over if needed.
4. Complete the application.
5. After you have submitted your application and paid the fee, please log back into your account and upload a recent photo to complete the application process.

Select "Apply for a new year"