



2025 -2026 Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy Commitment Form

Please read & sign this agreement and email a signed PDF file to Megan Simmons at megan@fischhoff.org

The undersigned student appreciates the opportunity to participate in the 2025-2026 Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy and values the resources that Fischhoff has agreed to provide for this merit-based scholarship program. As a result, the undersigned student agrees to:

INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend an initial **kick-off meeting**.
- Attend **all** Academy coaching sessions.
- Practice repertoire individually.
- Schedule rehearsal sessions outside of the coaching sessions.
- Schedule consistent coaching times with your coach (biweekly coaching sessions are recommended).
- Attend Fischhoff competition weekend in May 7-10, 2026.
 - a) Sign-up as a competition volunteer (1-3 hours).
 - b) Attend the Grand Prize Concert on May 10, 2026 and/or the Lift Every Voice Concert on May 7, 2026.
 - c) Attend as a competitor if the ensemble is accepted to the competition.
- Participate in your school's orchestra if offered

ENSEMBLE REQUIREMENTS:

- Participate in State Solo and Ensemble Contests, if eligible.
- Attend Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy masterclasses or workshops as they are offered.
- As a scholarship program sponsored by community organizations, we give back to our community through outreach concerts in retirement homes, schools, community centers, bookstores, etc.
- Enter the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, pending approval by your coach. Groups that apply for the competition are automatically reviewed for the Kenneth Geoffroy Memorial Award. An \$800 cash prize and master class opportunity with one of Fischhoff's renowned Competition jurors, will be awarded to the highest-ranking junior ensemble within a 60-mile radius of South Bend.

*Receipt of the Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy merit scholarship is contingent upon the following: practice individually, attending rehearsals and coaching sessions, and actively participating in the events. We invest over \$900 per student each year and we expect students to be present at all rehearsals, performances, masterclasses, workshops, and outreach events that are outlined on the initial concert and rehearsal schedule distributed at the beginning of the year. If you are unable to attend any of these events, you must notify Megan Simmons at megan@fischhoff.org so that a solution may be found.

The student signing this commitment form acknowledges that s/he will not be older than 18 years of age as of September 1, 2025 or, if 19 years of age, is currently enrolled in high school.

If the ensemble cannot practice as a group due to the absence by any member of the group for more than three (3) scheduled coaching sessions, Fischhoff reserves the right to terminate the coaching sessions.



The undersigned parent/guardian agrees to provide positive encouragement to their child to fully participate in the Chamber Music Academy and foster their understanding and affinity for music.

The student and parent/guardian understand that, if the ensemble plans to enter the Fischhoff Competition, an individual may not perform in more than one (1) ensemble. Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy students are encouraged, but not expected or required to enter the Fischhoff Competition. The Fischhoff Chamber Music Academy is a freestanding educational activity and is separate from the Fischhoff Competition.

The undersigned agree to release and hold Fischhoff harmless from any and all claims, injuries or damages which may result from participation in the Chamber Music Academy and any activities related to the Chamber Music Academy including, but not limited to, traveling to and from the coaching sessions and other Chamber Music Academy events.

Student: _____ Date: _____
(print) (signature)

Parent/
Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(print) (signature)

Agreed and Accepted. Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association.

By: _____ Date: _____
(Chamber Music Academy Manager | Megan Simmons)