



Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does it cost to be a student member of TIYO?

Annual membership cost is \$150. Membership fees help offset the costs of uniforms, charitable performances and member travel.

2. What is the uniform for TIYO?

Students wear a black polo shirt with black pants, black socks and black close-toed shoes. One polo is provided as part of the membership fee. Students can purchase additional polo shirts for \$12.

3. Do I have to travel with the orchestra?

Not every student has to travel, however we work hard to make trips affordable so that every student CAN travel. Think, for a minute, about an orchestra. If only the violins travel, the performance won't go well. We'd like every student to have the opportunity to travel internationally with our group.

4. What if I want to travel but I can't afford it?

TIYO engages in a variety of fundraisers throughout the school year to help offset travel expenses. We work hard to make it possible for every student to travel. If you or your family has a particular concern with this, please talk to a Board member about your circumstances. We will do all we can to support participation in international travel.

5. What if I don't have a passport?

You'll want to get one! Students do have to apply for their own passports. This is not something the TIYO organization can provide for you, however, we are happy to help you understand and complete the process!

6. What does the audition process look like?

It's fun and worry free! TIYO is an inclusive organization. We seek to encourage participation by students from all walks of life and all school districts in Northwest Ohio. Simply contact us to schedule your audition date, bring a piece of music, and play for our Directors so that they can better understand your performance competency.

7. I've just started learning my instrument. Can I join TIYO?

Anyone can join TIYO, however we strongly encourage students to wait until they've gained three or four years of experience on their instrument. TIYO strives to present a professional appearance and sound in all of our performances. Some of the music can be challenging to play. It is generally recommended that students join TIYO after they've mastered basic competency and musicality on their instrument.