



**GIVING  
HEARTS  
DAY**

For the first time in our organization's history, the Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies is a part of Giving Hearts Day!

We hope you will consider donating to our organization. Read the next pages for more information about us and how your donation dollars can be spent.

To be included in Giving Hearts Day, **we must raise a \$3000 match. Are you interested in being a match donor?** Let us know!

Checks must be dated between January 1 and February 12. A pledge must be confirmed by January 26<sup>th</sup>. You can donate any amount towards the \$3000 match.

# Benefits of Being a Giving Hearts Day Match Donor

- Make an impact on an organization whose mission you believe in
- Have your name or business included in Giving Hearts Day promotions
- Being a Match Donor encourages other people to donate, knowing their donation will be matched

*please see the “Explanation of Match” document for more information*

# How to Donate

To be a match:

Visit [fmays.org/donate](https://fmays.org/donate) to pay by credit card.  
Select Giving Hearts Day Match as the designation.

Mail us a check made payable to FMAYS  
with Giving Hearts Day Match Donor in the  
memo line to our office:  
808 3rd Ave. S. Suite 302, Fargo, ND 58103



# Why Donate?

Your donation supports our students and organization in the following ways:

- Tuition scholarships
- Private lesson scholarships
- Summer music camp scholarships
- New music purchases
- Coaches for sectionals
- Guest artists
- And much more!

## Sponsorship Levels

- Gold (\$2000)
- Silver (\$1000)
- Bronze (\$500)
- Crystal (gifts up to \$499)
- Chair Sponsors (\$50 and above)  
(name listed on program under student's chair)



**Mission Statement:** FMAYS provides a rigorous orchestral experience which challenges dedicated youth to reach their full potential musically and personally and emerge as dynamic members of the community.

FMAYS is a 501(c)3 organization, and donations are tax deductible.

## About Us

The Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies was founded in 1967 to give musically talented students an opportunity to expand their musical experiences. FMAYS was designed as an addition to middle and high school music education programs in the community.

FMAYS consists of three orchestras: Concert Strings (grades 6-8), Attacca Strings (grades 9-12), and the Symphony Orchestra (grades 9-12). Encore Chamber is an additional opportunity for Symphony Orchestra members to participate in chamber music. Each year, an FMAYS' Founders Concerto Competition is held.

The orchestras rehearse weekly from September to April and put on 6 concerts throughout the school year. Every year, the Symphony Orchestra participates in a special side-by-side rehearsal and performance with the Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra.

Auditions are required before each year of participation for all orchestras.

# Opportunities for FMAYS Students

- Participate in 3-6 concerts each season
- Make music with students from schools within a 100-mile radius of the FM Area
- Perform in a variety of venues such as Festival Concert Hall at NDSU, VCSU Center for the Arts, Memorial Auditorium at Concordia, TAK Event Center, and First Presbyterian Church
- Learn from local professional musicians in sectionals
- Perform with local guest artists
- Participate in a special side-by-side rehearsal and performance with the Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra
- Perform in Encore Chamber (small Chamber groups with 3-10 people)
- Travel to Valley City for an outreach concert
- Compete in the FMAYS' Founders Concerto Competition, with the winner performing their concerto with the Symphony Orchestra
- Free admission to Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra Masterworks concerts



## Testimonials from students



FMAYS is one of the highlights of my week, and I look forward to each and every Sunday rehearsal.”

“FMAYS is important to me for several reasons, these being the more difficult repertoire, having the opportunities to play with other people who push me to play at a higher difficulty, and trying something new.”

“The FMAYS community is vastly important to me, mostly because of how supportive everyone is.”

“FMAYS is important to me because it provides me with the training and experience to perform in an adult orchestra.”

# Donor Funds

## **Erling Linde Scholarship**

This fund awards full tuition scholarships.

## **Beth Heller Second Semester Tuition Scholarship Fund**

This fund awards second semester tuition scholarships.

## **Resonate Scholarship Fund**

This fund awards tuition scholarships to student musicians from rural towns.

## **Tom Christianson Memorial Fund**

This fund awards tuition scholarships to percussion students.

## **Private Lesson Scholarships**

Scholarships are available to assist students to afford private lessons on their primary instrument. These scholarships are distributed based on need.

## **Mary King Summer Music Camp Scholarship**

This fund is for FMAYS students to attend summer music camps.

## **Noren Ellingson Memorial Fund**

This fund is used to purchase music for FMAYS.

## **FMAYS Donation Fund**

This is a general donation fund. This fund supports operational costs and increases student musician experiences including: guest artists, section coaches, audition judges, and more.

## **FMAYS Endowment Fund**

The FMAYS Endowment Fund expands the opportunities for our student musicians through planned giving and memorial giving. Your gift will support special projects, major operational expenses, and secure the long-term future of the organization.

## **Employee Match or Employee Giving**

We are on Benevity! Please reach out to your employer to see if their workplace giving program is powered by Benevity's platform.

## **Unique Types of Gifts**

Please reach out to us if you are interested in donating stock, real estate, other non-cash assets, or Qualified Charitable Contributions (QCDs) from IRAs to FMAYS.

