

The Young Eight String Seminar Program – Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost?

The tuition is \$550.00 for the week.

How much scholarship money do you have?

Scholarships will be determined based on the audition, application, personal essay and financial need. Students are encouraged to fill out the application completely and legibly to insure a greater chance of receiving assistance.

Where will students stay?

Students will be housed in the dorms on the campus of The University of Texas. The cost for on campus housing is \$225.00 for the week, which includes the student's room and board.

May parents come and observe their child's musical study?

Absolutely, The Young Eight encourages parents to come and observe their child's music study for the week.

What is a typical day for a student in the String Seminar?

A typical day for a student begins at 8:30 a.m. with a warm up practice time before starting chamber music rehearsal (9am). Students will also receive daily one hour lessons, attend daily musicianship seminars and participate in the chamber orchestra. Students will also participate in an outreach program sponsored the George Washington Carver Museum. Extra coaching, lessons or sectionals may also be needed.

Are students required to attend every event?

Yes, students are required to attend all event and programs sponsored by The Young Eight. The Young Eight String Seminar is an accelerated program that requires a lot of practice, time and attention. The daily schedule is very busy and students will fall quickly behind by not attending the rehearsals or programs. Students that do not attend the various programs or rehearsals will also be in jeopardy of being dismissed from the program without a refund.

What can my child or students benefit from attending the program?

Your child or students can benefit greatly from The Young Eight String Seminar if they apply and are accepted. A student can expect to work with young professionals who are emerging in today's classical music scene. The String Seminar is a program that covers many angles of a student's path to success. Most summer programs don't offer daily lessons or teach the fundamentals of various ways of music making or how to make it in the music business. The String Seminar has a 2 to 1 ratio, where each student has an opportunity to work directly with each member of The Young Eight. Students can also benefit from the program by meeting other students who are serious about music and can make new friends. Most of all, the student will be challenged to their fullest potential to do their best.

How do you determine the seating of the chamber orchestra?

The seating is based on the student's musical ability displayed on their audition tape.

How do I get in touch with my child or students if they don't have a cell phone?

Students staying on campus may bring a telephone with them and use it in their dorm room if they don't have a cell phone. Also, parents may call the Young Eight office to get in touch with their child.

What should a student bring?

Students should bring a metronome, pencils and sharpener, notebook, folding stand, music, scores (piano parts for solo music), rosin and extra strings.