



DSO Teen Council 2026-2027 Application Form
Deadline: 5 pm, September 6, 2026

Objectives

The objectives of the DSO Teen Council are to:

- Give input to DSO artistic leadership about programming that would be of interest to Dallas area teens
- Plan and execute events designed to build teen interest and audiences for classical music
- Help educate area teens about the DSO

Membership Criteria

Members of the DSO Teen Council must be freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors that meet the following criteria:

- Orchestra, Band, or Choir experience
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Demonstrated musical leadership
- Residence in the DFW area
- Ability to attend regular meetings (approximately one Thursday every month, during the school year)
- Ability to volunteer for at least three events per school year
- Demonstrated ability to work with others
- Willingness to develop and implement creative ideas designed to enhance peer understanding and appreciation of the DSO, and classical music in general

Additional Tasks:

- Assist at occasional DSO concerts and events
- Help with design, content, and marketing of the teen section of the DSO website

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Email Address _____

School _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____ Years Studied _____

Please submit both pages of this form to:

Sarah Hatler
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FAQ

- **When and where are meetings?**

Meetings are held approximately one Thursday per month at 6:00 pm. The first meeting of the year will be in person at the Meyerson, and subsequent meetings will be online using Zoom (subject to change).

- **What is expected of me as a Teen Councilor?**

Participation in meetings with a maximum of 2 missed meetings per semester, and we ask that you volunteer a minimum of 3 times per school year. Please be aware that your attendance is expected throughout the year, and we ask you to consider any prior school or personal engagements on Thursday nights before applying. You are also required to contribute one blog post or concert review to be posted on the DSO website per year. We expect you to promote DSO concerts and opportunities amongst your peers at school and in your community.

- **What kind of volunteer opportunities exist?**

Every Family Concert has an Instrument Petting Zoo and crafts an hour before the concert starts that is hosted by the Teen Council. We will also need volunteers for the Instrument Petting Zoo several other times throughout the school year at various other events for the DSO throughout the DFW area. We need members to write blog posts related to the DSO or classical music to be posted on the DSO website. We may also need help at Parks concerts to hand-out flyers. Councilors may have the opportunity to give a Prelude Performance to school groups before a DSO concert. We also hope that all Councilors will be involved in the planning and execution of a community event each year.