

## FestivalSouth Orchestral and Chamber Music Academy FAQs

### **-When is registration and check in?**

Registration and check in for all students is on June 17, 2012. Staff will be available at the front desk from 7 AM until midnight to assist with check-in and any other needs. If you are unable to arrive at that time, please phone our office to let us know when your student will be arriving. Upon arrival, please check in at Scholarship Hall.

### **-I haven't received my information packet?**

Please send an email to [festivalsouthorchestralacademy@gmail.com](mailto:festivalsouthorchestralacademy@gmail.com) requesting your packet.

### **-Can I bring a cell phone to camp?**

Yes. However, if cell phones become a distraction during rehearsals or performances, they will be retrieved from the student and returned at the end of the festival.

### **-Can I bring my family?**

Yes, they are welcome to attend the orchestra rehearsals, masterclasses and [FestivalSouth](#) events. There are many hotels in the area where relatives can stay.

### **-I do not want to share a room with anyone—are private rooms available for individuals?**

Room availability on campus is limited. There may not be private rooms available

### **-I want to sign up for camp, but I may have to cancel. What's your refund policy?**

There are no refunds.

### **-I want to come, but I can't afford it. How do I get a scholarship?**

We have an early bird discount which is a \$50 off the tuition if you apply between March 19 and March 30, 2012. Our scholarships are mostly partial scholarships and are based on outstanding ability. You pay as much as you can towards tuition, and we cover the rest. To apply for a partial scholarship, please submit your application and audition video first. Then send an email to [festivalsouthorchestralacademy@gmail.com](mailto:festivalsouthorchestralacademy@gmail.com) explaining your situation and requesting the scholarship. Please include the amount you can pay. We also have a few full scholarships available.

### **-I submitted my application and audition video but never heard if I made it into the festival. Am I registered?**

Don't assume you're registered for camp unless you received confirmation! All applicants are contacted when they apply, usually by e-mail—if you don't hear from us, there was a communications failure and you should get in touch to find out if you're registered or on a waiting list.

### **--Where is it located? How do I get to the University of Southern Mississippi?**

The University of Southern Mississippi  
118 College Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001  
601.266.1000

[Map](#)

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**-Is registration limited?**

Somewhat. We have to look at instrumentation so sometimes we will limit instruments in order to insure balance. Applicants will be notified via email if they were accepted. There is also a waiting list in case of cancellations.

**-To whom should the check for tuition be made out?**

Either to "SMYO" or "Southern Mississippi Youth Orchestra"

**-What is the dress for the concert?**

Gentlemen - Long sleeve white shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes (no tennis shoes)

Ladies - All black dress or black pants and black or white blouse; black dressing shoes (no tennis shoes)

**-Evening entertainment options?**

All FestivalSouth Orchestral and Chamber Music Academy members will receive a VIP pass to all FestivalSouth events. There will also be some specific fun activities planned on campus.

**-When can I come visit my child?**

You are welcome to come anytime. We have an open rehearsal policy so everyone can come and observe.

**-What is the housing like?**

There will be two students per room. Each room is furnished with two beds, desks, dressers, chairs and has a complete set of linens per person. The hall will have a private room and private bathroom. Staff will be available at the front desk from 7 AM until midnight to assist with check-in and any other needs. Overnight staff is available in the building from Midnight to 7am.

Buildings are access card controlled and all doors are locked at 10pm.

**-Does everyone live on campus?**

No. Some students and most faculty members live in town and are not required to stay on campus.

**Do we need any specific music to bring to camp?**

Yes. Included in your confirmation email will be a set of attachments with music and information to print out and practice. You should also bring a folding music stand. Students should also bring solo music they would like to play in a masterclass or private lesson.

**What supplies do we bring?**

**Look for the packing list on the website. Be sure to bring your orchestra music, a folding music stand, pencil(s), rosin, rock stop or anchor, plenty of reeds, valve oil, mouth piece, etc depending on the instrument you play.**

**Is there a final concert that we can attend?**

**YES! The FestivalSouth Academy Orchestra concert is on June 23, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Bennett Auditorium and is free of charge. We encourage everyone to bring relatives and friends.**

**Are there any discounts on tuition?**

**We have an “Early Bird” discount. If apply, submit you audition video and pay the \$50 application fee between March 19 and March 30, 2012, you will get \$50 off the tuition fee.**

**Can a camper drive themselves to camp?**

**It is up to the parents.**

**Do they need a parking pass?**

**They are provided to any student who stays on campus for the duration of the camp**

**Where do we drop off our camper?**

**The Residence Hall is called Century Park**

**Where do we pick up our camper?**

**After students check out of the residence hall they are free. You decide where you want to pick them up.**