

## Appendix 3.1

# **ENTRANCE AND PRACTICE POLICIES**

Included here are various policy statements and application forms to choose from, which may be adapted to the local Salvation Army music and arts program. Items in brackets should be filled out with individual corps information.

**COMMITMENT FORM – OPTION 1**  
**THE SALVATION ARMY MUSIC PROGRAM**

[Corps/music school,  
Street address,  
City, State, ZIP Code,  
Contact information]

**FREE MUSIC CLASSES**

The Salvation Army offers free weekly music and arts instruction from September through May, with the exception of some holidays. Age-appropriate character-building classes are offered the same evening and are also free of charge.

**ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

Admission of new students is made in October and January only. Students enrolled in the music school will do their best to be at weekly rehearsals and attend Sunday services when his/her particular ensemble is participating in the Salvation Army Sunday School and/or worship services. Notices for these performances and periodic recitals, showcasing the student’s progress, will be sent home with students.

Students are required to attend all classes, as each music class helps round out the student’s musical experience. Caregivers should not ask for their child to be dismissed while a class is in session. In cases of absence, because of illness or emergency, please use the contact names listed above.

**INSTRUMENT AND PRACTICE**

Parents must sign for responsibility of an instrument before a child can take the instrument home to practice. Students are expected to practice a minimum of ten minutes for five days a week. It is normal to tire of practicing, especially moving from one level of difficulty to another. Parental encouragement and support, with attendance at performances, is key.

I understand the guidelines outlined, and agree to adhere to them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature/Date

[Place music school schedule here. List the classes currently being offered, like children’s choir, ukulele, brass, percussion, dance, etc. Also include character-building, Junior Soldier or Corps Cadet classes, if scheduled on the same evening.]

*All children and parents are invited to join us on Sunday mornings for worship:  
Sunday School for all ages from [times] and Worship Service at [time]*

**COMMITMENT FORM – OPTION 2**  
**THE SALVATION ARMY MUSIC PROGRAM**

[Corps name  
Street address,  
City, State, ZIP Code,  
Contact information]

I have read the standards and expectations for the Salvation Army music and arts program and I will:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend all classes/rehearsals and participate in any performances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive on time
- \_\_\_\_\_ Speak and respond to my leaders and peers with respect
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inform my leaders when I cannot attend rehearsal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dress modestly and observe the guidelines for recital clothing and Sunday uniform
- \_\_\_\_\_ Practice my music on a regular basis (a minimum of ten minutes a day, for five days a week).  
Parents/guardians are asked to initial their child's practice chart and send it to rehearsal with the child each week.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be responsible with my instrument and music

If I do not maintain required attendance with consistent, good behavior and/or show evidence of regular practice, I will not be permitted to continue in the music program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature/Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Contact Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email Address

I give permission for my child's photo to be used for Salvation Army purposes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature/Date

**PRACTICE CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
THE SALVATION ARMY MUSIC PROGRAM**

[Corps name  
Street address,  
City, State, ZIP Code,  
Contact information]

I understand that in order to receive music instruction at the Salvation Army music program each week I must have excellent attendance and commit to practice my instrument on a consistent basis.

- Beginner: Levels PRIMER and ONE                      10 minutes a day, 5 days each week
- Intermediate: Levels TWO and THREE                      20 minutes a day, 5 days each week
- Advanced: Levels FOUR and FIVE                      30 minutes a day, 5 days each week

If I do not maintain required attendance with consistent, good behavior and/or show evidence of regular practice, I will not be permitted to continue in the music program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Caregiver Signature/Date