

PLEASE NOTE: Some committees may have a maximum number of participants. Please return your form early for best selection.

2015-16 MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES AND OBLIGATIONS

ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Must purchase at least one (1) fundraiser ticket each year from the Fall Fundraiser, Winter Fundraiser, or Symphony Ball.
2. Must attend a minimum of two (2) meetings each year. The purchase of an ETSO season ticket may count as a meeting.
3. Must serve on at least one (1) placement committee.
4. Must pay annual dues of **\$50.00** by **May 1, 2015**, and must pay required late or reinstating fees, if applicable.
5. Reinstatement as an Active member must occur before January 1, 2016.

NEW MEMBERS

1. New Actives will serve on WSL Ball, Symphony Host and Young People Series Committees during their first three years of membership.
2. New Actives may choose to serve on more than one (1) committee outside the required placement commitment.
3. New Actives must purchase one ETSO concert ticket and attend one (1) East Texas Symphony Orchestra subscription concert during the 2015-16 symphony season.
4. New Actives must meet all Active membership requirements, including payment of dues.
5. May join as an Associate Member without initially being accepted as an Active Member. Must pay Associate dues.
6. Both New Active and New Associate Members must attend and participate in New Member Orientation.

PLACEMENT SELECTION FORM

1. Active members should indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd placement choices. The Placement Chairman will make every effort to fulfill requests. Committee chairmen will contact members assigned to their committees. Committee / placement participation is a **REQUIREMENT** of active membership.
2. You may choose to serve on more than one committee. Please indicate, on the committee

selection portion of the form, the number of committees on which you are willing to serve.

3. Please complete all parts of the form.

ASSOCIATE & EMERITUS MEMBERS are non-voting members who may participate in any WSL activity, including committee service. *Associate dues are \$65.00. Emeritus (age 80 years or older) have optional dues of \$ 65.00.*

JUNIOR SYMPHONY LEAGUE

VP – CiCi Shelton

VP-Elect – Sandy Baugh

The following policies apply when proposing your candidate for the Junior Symphony League:

1. An **Active** WSL member may propose a candidate for JSL membership during the student's sophomore year in high school, provided that the proposing WSL member satisfies requirements for length of Active membership. (A candidate is any daughter/son of a WSL mother, grandmother or stepmother.) The **deadline** for JSL proposals is **March 1, 2016**.
2. When a member proposes her candidate for JSL, she must have been an active member of the Women's Symphony League of Tyler or of a reciprocal league for at least three years consecutively or five years non-consecutively. If a JSL member is to be proposed, please fill in page 3 of this packet and submit it with your WSL renewal and dues.
3. A WSL member must remain an active member in good standing during the years her candidate is a member of the JSL.
4. Parents of a JSL member are required to fulfill JSL parental duties (outlined in the WSL handbook), in addition to WSL active membership requirements.
5. The Executive Board may give special consideration to candidates whose families have extenuating circumstances making it impossible to meet the membership requirements for admission to the JSL. Such considerations must be presented in writing to the Executive Board for a formal resolution by November 1st of the JSL candidate's sophomore year. If admission to the JSL is made due to extenuating circumstances involving the WSL member's years of active service, the WSL member will be required to purchase one season ticket to the East Texas Symphony Orchestra during her candidate's junior year.
6. In the event of death: If the WSL member is in good standing at the time of her death, her candidate will be considered eligible for membership subject to the qualification in Article III Section 1 – JSL Constitution. Another active WSL member who agrees to assume the responsibilities of the JSL mother must sponsor the JSL candidate.
7. In the event of a single Father having sole custody of an eligible JSL candidate, an active WSL member who agrees to assume all responsibilities of the JSL mother may request "special circumstances" and, if approved, may sponsor the JSL candidate.

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Membership Information and Committee Selection

WOMEN'S SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF TYLER



*Celebrating
60 Colorful
Years of Music*

Welcome to WSL 2015-16

Dear WSL Members and Proposed Members,

We have so much to celebrate this year and we want each of you to be part of it. This is our 60th year as an organization giving music to our community. Music is the core of our commitment but I put the friendships as the true personal value of WSL. I am inviting each of you to participate this year in WSL! , You do make a difference in our community and carrying on the long legacy as Symphony League friends and members have for the past 60 years.

Through WSL, we help create cultural and civic value by supporting our East Texas Symphony Orchestra. And, we contribute to the learning and development of children through music education. We value YOU and the unique volunteer gifts you bring to WSL, and we thank you for your consideration of membership for 2015-2016.

I hope you will take time to read through this brochure to learn about volunteer opportunities that might interest you during the coming year and return the enclosed forms by May 1. There's something for everyone from providing a B&B experience for an orchestra member in your home to bringing music to life for children, to working on the Ball. There is truly something for everyone!

Forms are enclosed for you to indicate your placement preference for the year and to propose a JSL member. Please complete and return by May 1 to ensure inclusion in our WSL handbook and directory.

I look forward to working with you during the coming year as we help create the kind of community we want to live in through our volunteer efforts, service and friendships with WSL!

Linda Rowe
WSL President 2015-16
linda@lindarowetyler.com

Proposed/New Members:

Please join us!

Spring Fling and New Member Welcome

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Home of Tisa Hibbs
520 Sherry Lane**

Returning the enclosed forms with your dues payment by May 1, 2015, will signify your acceptance of this membership invitation. During your initial three years of active membership, automatic placements on specific committees may take precedence over other placement choices you select.

2015-16 Members and Reinstating Members:

May 1, 2015, is the deadline for dues payment. A \$10 late fee will be assessed when dues are received between May 2 and June 1st. A member whose dues have not been

received by June 1st must apply for reinstatement to renew her membership. All dues paid are non-refundable.

Please direct membership or committee questions to Norma Smith, 903-245-1757, or membership@wslytler.org

2015-16 COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Please select a placement for 2015-16 from the following opportunities, indicate your choices on the enclosed form, and return it by May 1, 2015.

PRESIDENT-ELECT – Beth Whitney

ETSO PROMOTIONS

Committee is responsible for the coordination of volunteers to assist the ETSO in the annual ticket sales campaign & to staff the WSL information table at ETSO concerts. Placement begins during the summer months.

VP ADMINISTRATION – Jill Campbell

ARCHIVES (June through October placement)

This committee will scan historical photos / memorabilia and compile a slideshow documenting the history of the Women's Symphony League of Tyler. Peak time: June 1 – Nov. 1.

COMMUNICATION – Patron Mail

Telephone or email members about meetings and projects.

HISTORIAN / SCRAPBOOK

Document WSL activities, take pictures of events, and collect memorabilia throughout the year.

HANDBOOK (May through August placement)

Coordinate, collect and proofread information, input data into computer, and prepare for mailing of handbook.

NEWSLETTER

Collect, compile, and proofread articles for the newsletters, coordinate the publishing, and mail.

ONE & DONE

Receive group text for volunteer opportunities for WSL/ETSO. Complete one 4-hour placement at your convenience.

WEBSITE

Update and maintain the WSL website

WSL MAILINGS

Label, sort and prepare for bulk mailings. Deliver mail to post office, if needed.

VP EDUCATION – Jamie Brumfield

YOUNG PEOPLES SERIES: SCHOOL CONCERTS AND FAMILY CONCERT
Help plan and execute concerts. Assist with art work, literature creation, & delivery of information to schools & community. Other duties include ushering at concerts, providing meals to musicians, publicity, and working other special events in connection with the concerts.

NOTE: SCHOOL CONCERTS are performed for 4th & 5th grades on weekdays. FAMILY CONCERT is performed for children ages 3 through 10, and accompanying adults, on a weekend during the school year.

TASO YOUTH COMPETITION

Identify prospective competitors & circulate information.

SCHOLARSHIP

Prepare and revise scholarship brochure and forms. Help promote scholarships and evaluate candidates.

VP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Sherrill Echols

ARRANGEMENTS – DAY / EVENING

Serve as a committee member to host WSL board or general meetings. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

ARRANGEMENTS – JOINT BOARD MEETING

Serve as a committee member to host May meeting & luncheon for outgoing and incoming WSL boards. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

ARRANGEMENTS – ETSO CONCERT RECEPTION

Serve as a committee member to host an annual evening reception for ETSO. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

COOKS IN THE KITCHEN

Open your kitchen or simply join other cooks to prepare food for WSL events and concert weekends.

SYMPHONY CONCERT HOST

Provide and serve meals to the orchestra on concert weekends. A contribution of \$25 is requested.

HARMONY INNS & INVITATIONS

Provide overnight accommodations for musicians to stay in your home Friday evening prior to concert performances.

FALL FUNDRAISER (June - September placement)

Plan and present the Fall Fundraiser.

WINTER FUNDRAISER – Bunko Night/Games Day

Plan and present the Winter Fundraiser

SYMPHONY BALL – Co-Chairs Amy Lively and Rene'e Faulconer

BALL VOLUNTEERS: Support the ball committee and perform various duties as determined by chairmen.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Plan and present the Spring Fundraiser

VP MEMBERSHIP – Norma Smith

DA CODA CORE

Identify potential WSL members.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Use Excel spreadsheet to record members' meeting attendance, fundraising support, and placement fulfillment.

NEW MEMBER

Facilitate new members orientation meetings and questions. Keep new members requirements.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Preparation of renewal forms, have printed, distributed membership packets to One & done for stuffing, mail renewal packets.

PLACEMENT

Place members in committee of choice by first come first serve, unless preplaced by a committee chair.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Communicate with members that have not renewed. Contact former members from database to enlist re-instating