**Funds for Access 2025-2026 Financial Aid Information & Application**
**EYO Addendum**

Members of the Etowah Youth Orchestras who are applying for financial aid through the Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation's Funds for Access Program for assistance with EYO financial obligations MUST complete this addendum and submit it IN ADDITION TO the rest of the application packet. Applications for assistance with EYO financial obligations will not be considered complete without this addendum. This application is designed to cover any EYO program for which the student is applying. The following items will be considered through this application:

- Reduction or waiver of annual EYO membership fees
- Low-cost/no-cost instrument rental for participation in EYO programs

In maintaining the highest standards for the programs of the Etowah Youth Orchestras, the EYO has set forth the following minimum award obligations for recipients of financial assistance:

- Consistent attendance at ensemble rehearsals.
- Consistent practice and preparation for ensemble rehearsals.
- Positive evaluations from members of EYO instructional staff.
- Recipient must pay fees not covered by financial aid in full, and in a timely fashion.

Please note – if you feel that you will not qualify or do not need financial aid, but that a **payment program** will assist you with annual membership fees, please contact EYO Music Director Rachel Sherrod at rachelsherrod@culturalarts.org to make payment arrangements.

The EYO may request that this application be supplemented by additional written materials. Families applying for financial aid for multiple students in the program should complete an application for each student. Multiple students and multiple ensembles are taken into consideration when awarding financial aid. While applicants will be required to apply each season, preference for scholarship renewals will be given to returning students who have acceptable evaluation reports. Please note – at the time of application, all outstanding fees from the previous season(s) MUST be paid in full.

Student Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Student is enrolled in the following EYO classes/programs/ensembles:
_____ Beginning/Intermediate String Orchestra classes (Etowah County/Attalla City Schools)
_____ Etowah String Sinfonia
_____ Etowah Youth Symphony Orchestra

Student is applying for the following EYO Financial Aid program(s):
_____ Reduction/waiver of member/class fees _____ Low-/no-cost instrument rental

Would this student be willing to participate in the EYO Work Study Program? _____
If yes, in which of the following areas:
_____ Music library
_____ Office aid
_____ Instrument upkeep
_____ Sectional coach, ESS
_____ Stagecrew and equipment

Was this student enrolled in any EYO activities during the previous academic year? _____

If so, please list the activities/classes: _____