



2011 - 2012

Fee Schedule and Refund Policy
Saskatoon Suzuki Strings (1996) Inc. (SSSI)

1. Family Membership Fee (\$100)

The SSSI is a non-profit charitable corporation, operated by a parent-teacher Board of Directors. Each family is required to have a membership in the corporation. ,

The family registration fee is \$100 per family, regardless of when, during the year, the family enters the program (e.g. families entering the program in January must pay the full family membership fee). Families with multiple children registered during the same year will only have to pay for one membership fee. The fee is payable at the time of registration.

2. Saskatoon Orchestral Association (SOA) Membership (\$25)

The SSSI is a member of the Saskatchewan Orchestral Association. This organization is a provincial body that represents the province-wide interests of several local orchestral associations, including SSSI. Through this organization, the SSSI is eligible for funding provided by Saskatchewan Lotteries.

All families who are members of the SSSI must also be members of the SOA. This requirement allows the SSSI to receive SOA grants which are determined on the basis of how many SSSI members are also members of the SOA.

The SOA membership fee is \$25 per family and is payable directly to the SOA – that is, separate cheques payable to the SOA must be provided with the SSSI registration form. The fee is non-refundable and must be paid in full regardless of when, during the year, the family enters the SSSI program.

3. Group Lesson Fee (\$180)

Each student must participate in a group lesson in addition to private lessons. Group lessons are held once a week for 50 minutes on Thursday evenings. At the present time, group lessons take place at Walter Murray Collegiate. Included in the group lessons are solo days, play-ins and concerts.

The total fee for group lessons is \$180. There are two options for payment:

1. The fee may be paid in full with a post-dated cheque for September 1, 2011.
2. The fee may be paid in two installments of \$90, with post-dated cheques for September 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

In the event of withdrawal, applications for refunds must be made in writing to the Registrar.

A 10% discount (\$18 per student) will be given to the second and subsequent children registered from the same family during the same year.

Students who join group lessons during the year must pay the full group lesson fee if they join prior to January 15, 2012 and 50% of the fee if they join on or after January 15, 2012.

4. Orchestra Fee (\$120)

In addition to group lessons, students have the opportunity to participate in any of the following orchestras:

a) Bach Ensemble

Students wishing to be in the Bach Ensemble should be at the end of or have completed Book 1. Violinists should be able to recognize notes from the D and A scales. Violists and cellists should be able to recognize notes from the G and D scales. All students should recognize eighth, quarter, half and whole notes and be able to play these notes in time to a metronome. Parents of students in the Bach Ensembles are quite likely to have to help their children with their parts at home and sometimes even during orchestra rehearsals.

b) Boccherini Ensemble

Students wishing to be in the Boccherini Ensemble will have played at least one year in the Bach Ensemble (Playing level: Middle of Book 2 – Book 3). Players should know note names in A, D, G and C Major and be able to recognize and play sixteenth, eighth, quarter, half and whole notes and dotted rhythms. Members of the Boccherini Ensemble should be able to do simple sight-reading and be able to play their own parts accurately while another part is being played.

c) Paganini Ensemble

Students should have a minimum 2 years orchestra experience (Playing Level: Book 4 and up.) Violinists should be able to play in 2nd and 3rd positions, cellists in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th positions. Players should be able to read in keys with up to 4 sharps and 2 flats. All students should be familiar with compound time, dotted 8th and 16th, triplets, syncopation, trills, turns, and double stops, rolled chords, spiccato and vibrato.

The orchestra is \$120. There are two options for payment:

1. The fee may be paid in full with a post-dated cheque for September 1, 2011.
2. The fee may be paid in two installments of \$60, with post-dated cheques for September 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Students who join orchestras during the year must pay the full orchestra fee if they join prior to January 15, 2012 and 50% of the fee if they join on or after January 15, 2012.

Note: To participate in the above orchestras, students must be registered in group lessons. However, students who are academically in Grade 9 or higher may register in the orchestra program, without participating in group lessons.

5. Refunds

If a student decides to withdraw from the group or orchestra components of the program, applications for refunds must be made in writing to the Registrar. Refunds will be granted as follows:

- The Family Registration Fee (i.e. Family Membership and SOA Membership) is non-refundable.
- Students withdrawing from group lessons prior to January 15, 2012 will receive a refund of the second half of the group lesson fee (i.e. \$90 refund if \$180 was paid in September or no refund if a \$90 installment was paid in September). No refunds will be made for withdrawals on or after January 15, 2012.
- Students withdrawing from the orchestra component prior to January 15, 2012 will receive a 50% refund (\$60) if \$120 was paid in September and no refund if a \$60 installment was paid in September. No refund will be given for withdrawals on or after January 15, 2012.

6. Miscellaneous Information

A \$15 fee will be assessed on each non-sufficient funds (NSF) cheque.

Returning families are required to submit their 2011-12 registration form and associated cheques to the Registrar by May 31, 2011, Registrations received from returning families after May 31, 2011 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

Students will not be permitted to participate in SSSI group and orchestra programs and other activities until a completed registration form and all required cheques have been submitted to the Registrar,.

7. Private Lessons

In order to be involved in the Suzuki Strings Program, students must also take private lessons from an affiliated teacher. For information on our affiliated teachers, visit our website: <http://www.saskatoonsuzukistrings.ca> .

8. Parent Participation

The first year your child is in the program, the “participating parent” takes lessons along with the child. This requirement includes participating in the SSSI group lessons. There is no additional charge to the “participating parent”, but both parent and child require their own instrument.

We encourage parents to attend our Suzuki Solo Days, as well as the Suzuki Orchestra concerts even if your child is not yet playing in them. These events are wonderful opportunities to enhance your child’s musical education.

9. Volunteer Opportunities

The SSSPI relies heavily on the assistance and expertise received from parent volunteers for the smooth and successful operation of the program. In addition to those parents who serve on

the Board of Directors, WE RELY ON THE HELP AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARENTS. There will be a sign-up sheets for volunteer commitments available in September.

Two volunteer services required of each family during the 2011-12 SSSI fall and winter program. One \$100 postdated volunteer cheque (dated December 31, 2011) must accompany the registration form to ensure your completion of each volunteer duty. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE ONE OR TWO REQUIRED VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE CHEQUE BEING CASHED.** For families who complete their volunteer commitments, the volunteer deposit cheque will be destroyed at the end of the operating year.

10. Instrument Rentals

The SSSI owns cellos and a bass, which are available for rent. Parents must sign a rental agreement before an instrument is released. Parents are responsible for the cost of repairing any damages which are attributed to the inappropriate handling and use of the instrument.

The rental fees for each instrument is \$15.00 per month for families who are members of SSSI (that is, who have paid the family registration fee) and \$20.00 per month for families who are not members. The rental payment is made in either one or two installments. Members can pay \$180.00 on September 1, 2011 or \$90.00 on September 1, 2011 and \$90.00 on January 1, 2012. Non-members can pay \$ 240.00 on September 1, 2011 or \$120.00 on September 1, 2011 and \$120.00 on January 1, 2012.

The Instrument Convener maintains a list of instruments that are available for rent. If you need a cello or bass, please contact our Instrument Convener, Phav Meekins at 664-6176.

11. Instrument Marketplace

Families should note that instruments are also available for sale through the Suzuki Marketplace. Families with instruments for sale can list them on our website (www.saskatoonsuzukistrings.ca).

Please note that Saskatoon Suzuki Strings (1996) Inc. makes no warranties or representations with respect to the quality of the merchandise posted in the Marketplace section. SSSI takes no responsibility for the descriptions of the merchandise listed in this section. SSSI is neither a supplier, agent, salesperson nor representative of any of the vendors who list merchandise in this section. SSSI provides this section as a service to the musical community of Saskatchewan.

12. For Further Information

For additional information regarding the fee schedule, refund policy or operations of the SSSI, please contact the Registrar at 221-6942.