



OCMI 2020 FAQs

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q. When is camp payment due?

A. Camp payment is due by June 1 OR the date on your invoice, whichever comes first. Camp payment due date varies based on when you register. Deposit invoices will be due upon receipt.

Q. When will I be notified that my application/registration is approved?

A. Registration is being processed. When you filled out the form you receive a confirmation when you submitted the form. That indicates your registration was successfully submitted.

Q. My student is almost old enough to participate in Full-Day. Which camp can/should they go to?

A. Students should attend the camp that corresponds with the age they will be on the first day of camp (July 18). *(If you would like to request an exception contact lydiaconway@omahacm.org)*

Q. How do I apply for Financial Aid/Scholarship?

A. Complete the Ambassador Fund form on our website:

<http://www.omahacm.org/ambassador-fund>

(you will need to provide adjusted gross income from your most recent tax recent and household size)

- Apply for financial aid at the same time that you register for OCMI.

Q. Can I use the same audition video for Ambassador Fund and OCMI?

A. Yes!

Q. When will I be notified of my Financial Aid status? Am I getting Ambassador Funds?

A. Ambassador Funds are awarded on an ongoing (rolling) basis until all funds are gone. If you applied for Ambassador Funds, you will be notified at the same time that your camp registration is processed and your invoice is created.

Q. Can multiple kids in the same household receive Ambassador Funds?

A. Families with multiple students can apply for Ambassador Funds for each student who desires to receive aid.

- TIP: Apply for funds for all students at the same time, using a separate application for each.



- Q. Is there a discount for Sprouts to register for Half-Day camp?
- A. No. There is no discount because the Ambassador Fund offsets the cost for those with financial need. Sprouts are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to apply for both camp and Ambassador Funds.
- Q. Does my student need prior experience on their instrument/voice? Do they need their own instrument?
- A. Yes, students must have some prior experience. Instruments are not provided.
- Q. What is the Masterclass like? Is it a private lesson?
- A. Two students share a 1-hour master class (full-day). Each student receives 30 minutes of instruction and benefits from observing a peer. If the teacher finds it beneficial, some activities may be done in tandem.

Full-Day Questions

- Q. Ukelele - is the uke provided?
- A. If your student chooses uke for their elective we will reach out with purchasing info. OCM will offer instruments to purchase along with other buying options.
- Q. Can my student participate on multiple instruments/voice?
- A. Yes, however please purchase the extra master-class option if you are going to be studying in two areas at camp. Double majors should be discussed with camp director. (if your student is just wanting to play their wind instrument in the wind ensemble elective, this is not necessary).

FOOD QUESTIONS:

- Q. Does the meal plan accommodate dietary restrictions/allergies?
- A. We make efforts to provide a variety of options including meat-free choices, however no guarantee can be made that the meal plan will accommodate allergies/restrictions.

LODGING QUESTIONS:

- Q. Can my student arrive early or leave late?
- A. NO Housing is available to check-in after 3pm on Saturday July 18 and check-out before 11am on Saturday July 25, 2020. The cost of housing is \$600.
- Q. Can my student arrive late or leave early?
- A. Students who are not participating in the entire camp must be approved by the camp director.
- Q. How many students are in each room?



A. No more than 2 students will be in each room, they will each have their own bed.

Q. Can my student share a room with their sibling/friend?

A. Lodging requests will be honored whenever possible.

Q. Will my student be chaperoned? Is it safe?

A. We have both female and male chaperones, rooms are not co-ed. Curfew is enforced by chaperones. There are activities provided by the chaperones for unstructured hours after camp each day.

Q. What is the minimum age to stay in the camp lodging?

A. 13 years old, any younger students must be approved by camp director.

Q. What is the transportation to and from camp from lodging?

A. We have a group shuttle. Students may be allowed to walk only if chaperoned by an adult.

Q. Is bedding needed?

A. Not a dorm environment, it's a hotel with suites, no bedding is necessary. For further info check out the Sonesta ES Suites website:

https://www.sonesta.com/us/nebraska/omaha/sonesta-es-suites-omaha?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb

VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Videos should be submitted at the time of registration, however we will accept a re-submission of a video to replace your video on file up until the camp registration deadline, June 1. Your registration is not complete until we receive your video.
- No accompaniment required, however if your video is accompanied, that is great and may even elevate your placement in ensembles.
- There is a video submission tutorial on our website under the financial aid area: <http://www.omahacm.org/private-lessons/scholarships-financial-aid>
- Videos will be accepted in the following formats: any digital format is ok. Link submissions are preferred: youtube, vimeo, and google drive all allow for uploaded videos to be unlisted, meaning only a person with the link to it can view it. We will also accept videos on a flash drive, as an e-mail attachment, or airdrop to the reception desk.