



Thank you for your interest in serving on the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Board of Trustees. The mission of the Tuscarawas Philharmonic is to provide an exceptional musical experience for its audience and musicians alike, to foster knowledge of and appreciation for great music and to engage and inspire musicians with unique performance and educational opportunities. The Philharmonic also endeavors to establish itself as a long-term and essential contributor to the cultural fabric of our community. Since 1935 the Tuscarawas Philharmonic organization has been a cultural cornerstone of the Tuscarawas Valley. Every year of that existence has been, and continues to be, dependent on generous community support. An asset of incalculable value to this area, the Philharmonic, like most arts organizations, lives on the edge, with only community support between it and extinction. Ticket revenues at their very best can provide only about 40% of our budget. It is incumbent on the board to assure the continued viability of the Philharmonic.

A full symphony orchestra, under the direction of Eric Benjamin, the Philharmonic presents a varied concert series each season. From the immortal classics to jazz to country to the Yuletide Celebration Christmas concert, and a highly popular tradition, our free pops and patriotic concert at Tuscora Park's amphitheater each Labor Day weekend.

The Philharmonic has the distinction of having much to offer all ages, from the many seniors who regularly attend our concerts to the children who attend with their families and who also eagerly await the start-up of the Children's Chorus each year.

The organization includes adult Philharmonic Chorus, which usually performs twice during each season, and the Philharmonic Children's Chorus with as many as 100 area school children on stage with the orchestra in the annual Yuletide concert.

The Philharmonic Orchestra and Choruses addresses an ever-increasing educational need in the face of possible cutbacks affecting arts in public schools. Young people in our area enjoy the chance to hone instrumental and choral skills and to perform on stage with a symphony orchestra – an opportunity unequalled in most communities and even rarer, one free of cost to the participating children.

The Philharmonic brings irreplaceable cultural, educational, and entertainment opportunities to the Tuscarawas Valley as well as surrounding communities, not only to its concert audiences but also to its members by providing musicians of all ages the opportunity to use and develop their instrumental and vocal talents.

The arts organization of the caliber of the Philharmonic in the Tuscarawas Valley greatly enhances the quality of life, making this a more attractive area into which to move a family or locate a prospective business - a good thing for all of us.

Requirements of the Trustees are attendance at all meetings as called by the president with an obligation of no more than three unexcused absences, active participation in the discussions pertaining to the planning of the Philharmonic's activities, and committee service as appointed by the president. Trustees do not receive monetary compensation. Currently, trustees serve a three-year term, beginning on September 1 and expiring August 31 at the end of the term. Trustees, however, may be appointed at any point during the year as need arises. Interested individuals should complete the attached Board Member Application. This may be submitted at any time. The Governance Committee shall keep completed applications on file. The compiled applications will be used to identify individuals with the talents and skills most suited to the current needs of the board as those needs are identified.