

## 2024 Viola Applicant Guide

### How to apply:

To apply for the orchestra program, applicants will upload a video audition consisting of the components listed below. Audition videos should have the applicant's entire playing area shown (including hands, arms, torso, instrument, etc.) You may pause or stop the recording between elements or cut/splice takes, but the audition video must be submitted as a single file.

### 1. 3-Octave C Major Scale

- Higher scores will be given to scales played accurately and evenly throughout the whole range
- Playing with or without vibrato will have no effect on applicant's score

### 2. Solo Piece of Applicant's Choice

- Work of your choice that demonstrates overall musicianship, especially your ability to play lyrically as the Selected Excerpt (below) will demonstrate technical ability
- May be a solo, etude, All-State etude, or excerpt from an orchestral work
- Maximum of one minute in length
- Must provide a copy of the selected work for the audition
- Does NOT have to be memorized
- No accompaniment

### 3. Selected Excerpts

- Verdi: Overture to *La forza del destino*, *OkMEA All-State Excerpts # 3 & 4*

### Evaluation Criteria:

**PLEASE NOTE:** OSAI audition scores may be used to determine chamber music or orchestra seating assignments, so prepare for the OSAI audition accordingly.

**Scale – 10%**

**Solo – 20%**

**Excerpt – 20%**

**Overall tone, intonation, technique, and rhythm – 50%**

[Read general information about our evaluation procedures here.](#)

Excerpt 3: *La forza del destino*, Overture - Verdi; time signature 4/4  
Quarter = 124

Musical score for Excerpt 3, Viola part. The score is in 4/4 time and consists of four staves. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a fermata and the instruction *espressivo*. The second staff begins with a fermata and the instruction *p*. The third and fourth staves continue the melodic line with various articulations and dynamics.

Excerpt 4: *La forza del destino*, Overture - Verdi; 4/4  
Quarter = 124

Musical score for Excerpt 4, Viola part. The score is in 4/4 time and consists of four staves. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a fermata and the instruction *ff*. The second staff begins with a fermata and the instruction *ff*. The third and fourth staves continue the melodic line with various articulations and dynamics.