



Is your school interested in adding a string music program to your curriculum? Youth Music Monterey County's **South County Strings** program helps schools like yours make music available to deserving students. This program gives students living in rural south Monterey County the opportunity to learn the violin, viola, cello or bass for FREE and provides instruments at a modest monthly rental fee. With a partnership created between YMM and the school district to share the instructor cost, together we are able to provide music opportunities for school-aged students. Currently, YMM serves three schools in San Lucas, Bradley & Lockwood and students there receive music classes during the school day, twice a week, by a team of experienced music educators. By learning how to play a string instrument and sharing their knowledge through public performances, music education is helping these talented, deserving students build skills such as confidence, creativity and ambition.

If your school is interested in participating in our string music program, we ask you provide the following:

1. Teacher, Administrator, Parental and Community Support for starting an in-school string program, during the school day, twice a week for two, 1 hour music lessons.
2. School site is located in a community where we can foster long-term relationships with the administration and community members to build a sustainable program.
3. Provide leads for partnerships with local businesses and individuals who demonstrate an interest in the music program, including the potential to help with obtaining additional instruments or other material needs.
4. Willingness to provide physical space for lessons, support for scheduling, and other related structural needs.
5. School district pays a fee \$3,200 for each school year and is provided an instructor to teach a string music class, 2 days a week for 2, one hour group lessons (typically a 1 hour beginning & 1 hour intermediate level class)

YMM is able to supplement the remaining costs associated with providing music instruction by seeking grant opportunities, fundraising opportunities and community support. The students are provided with free music lessons, twice a week and instruments are made available for a modest monthly rental cost (as low as \$5 per month).

YMM will provide assistance in setting up the program's structure, including hiring music teachers. We will also provide professional training to the selected teacher by experts in the field of music education, as well as a personal mentor who will work with the teacher on-site, over the phone and by email as they get up and running the music program.

If you are in a position to work with YMM on providing this exciting musical venture at your school, please contact Program Director Vanisha Evans Douvon outlining why you think your location is the right place for us to launch this program, and how we can work together to help meet your community need. She can be contacted at 831-375-1992 and [vevans@youthmusicmonterey.org](mailto:vevans@youthmusicmonterey.org). More information is also available online at <http://www.youthmusicmonterey.org/aboutymmscs.php>

We look forward to hearing from you and starting a project in your community that we hope leads to the development of a sustainable music program in your community!