

## **Student Designated Fund Information**

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### **What is a Student Designated Fund (SDF)?**

All students have the opportunity to earn credit in a designated fund set aside for them by WROG through participation in fundraisers. The amount of student credit is determined by the WROG Board of Directors. Student Designated Funds are treated similarly to “store credits” and are not cash or savings accounts.

### **How are SDF Credits accrued?**

Certain fundraisers are designated as opportunities to earn credit for Student Designated Funds, as an incentive to encourage participation, WROG’s major fundraiser (and the biggest opportunity for students to add credits to their own SDF) is the Patron Program. This campaign for financial support from businesses, friends, and families takes place in the fall of each year. At the end of the fundraiser, all students who have qualified by raising at least \$100 may take part in a special gathering: “The Event.” After the first \$100, 50% of the remaining funds are credited to WROG, and the remaining 50% are allocated to the student’s designated fund.

By participating in designated fundraisers, students can earn credits to pay for their own orchestra expenses.

#### **Patron Program Example**

A student sells \$500 in Patron Program ads

Distribution:

\$100 Credited to WROG, qualifies student for participation in “The Event”

\$200 Credited to WROG

\$200 Credited to Student’s Designated Fund

### **What may SDF Credits be used for?**

Student Designated Fund Credits may be used for a student’s direct costs associated with participation in the Walton Orchestra Program, including fall fees, trip or field trip expenses, banquet, All State, Honor Orchestra, or Tri-M. Other expenses may be qualified, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, on a case-by-case basis.

### **What may SDF Credits NOT be used for?**

Student Designated Fund Credits MAY NOT be used for expenses related to the Patron Program, or for point-of-sale purchases such as raffle tickets or Spirit Wear. SDF Credits may only be applied to the student earning the credit.

What if there are credits left over?

**Student Designated Fund Credits are not payable in cash to students or family members at any time.** When a student leaves the music program, transfers from, or graduates from Walton High School, all remaining credits in the student's designated fund are distributed as follows:

1. To other participating family members from the same household, or pre-enrolled family members who will participate during the following school year.
2. In the event no family members qualify as outlined above, all remaining account credits are allocated to the Scholarship Fund.

How do I use SDF funds to pay for orchestra expenses?

Submit a [Request for Withdrawal](#) form on the Orchestra website in advance of making a payment. SDF Credits may not be applied retroactively.

What else do I need to know?

- Student Designated Funds are not cash accounts. As such, cash deposits or withdrawals are not allowed.
- WROG reserves the right to withdraw any available credits from a student's designated fund and apply that amount toward any unpaid fees or bank fees that result from a returned check.
- Student Designated Fund withdrawals are subject to the approval of the WROG Board of Directors. Intentional abuse of policies will result in withdrawals being disallowed.
- Company match contributions are not eligible for credit accrual.
- Contributions made outside of the Patron Program do not receive SDF credit.