



Memorandum

Date: April 27, 2016
To: Chaperone Applicants
From: Dennis Burkhardt, 2017 Tour Coordinator
RE: Chaperone Applications

We are now accepting applications from interested individuals for being a chaperone during our CYSO 2017 tour. Chaperone positions are limited, as we give first priority for space on the tour to the orchestra musicians. The tour dates are June 28 through July 10, 2017.

The cost for chaperones of \$4450 is the same as for the student musicians. This covers airfare, ground transportation, hotels, breakfasts and dinners. Lunches are not covered.

A key role for chaperones is to work with the tour staff to monitor the health and safety of the entire tour group. We typically assign light duties to the chaperones, such as assisting students with being on time for meals, concerts and other events. Chaperones also assist by accompanying the large group or smaller groups to activities and events of interest such as exploring parts of the cities we will visit. We work to build in some unscheduled times, so chaperones are not always "on duty".

Chaperones are expected to function as part of the tour group and participate on the same schedule in regard to meals, excursions, concerts and other parts of the tour. Some of the skills or qualities we look for include having the physical stamina to walk medium to long distances, help load/unload luggage, **flexibility and adaptability to new or changing situations**, and patience. Problem-solving abilities, positive outlook and solid interpersonal skills are assets that are highly desirable. I expect that chaperones model appropriate behaviors and take responsibility to contribute to make the tour a positive event for everyone.

From my experiences on the 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014 CYSO European tours, I can say with confidence that the chaperones enjoyed the adventure. If you would like more details or have questions about any of this, please contact me at burkhardtd@comcast.net or call me at 206-542-7602.