



Inspiring programs for creative musicians

Job Announcement: 2026 Young Musicians Program Staff Member and Staff Lifeguard

The Walden School seeks interested candidates who wish to participate as staff members in its flagship Young Musicians Program in Dublin, New Hampshire, during the summer of 2026.

Staff members perform a variety of operational and supervisory tasks to ensure the efficient running of our unique summer music camp and a nurturing, safe, and inclusive environment for its community members. Staff members' individual roles and responsibilities vary from day to day, but often include a combination of administrative work, leading student recreation activities, and providing operational support for the school's activities, including but not limited to moving furniture, making beds, running errands in local towns, doing laundry, setting up classrooms, distributing mail, and lifting/carrying boxes and shipments. Events and activities during the program are varied and numerous, including hikes, swim trips, dances, concerts, shopping trips, and open mics, just to name a few. Engaged supervision of students in all these activities is a major aspect of the staff role, as are residential duties including bed checks and leading dorm meetings. Additionally, staff participate in the school's choral program, and occasionally provide tutoring and mentoring to students in the program.

Staff members certified in water safety and lifeguarding who, in addition to the above duties, are hired to perform lifeguarding duties on lake trips, will receive an additional stipend for this work, in addition to the regular staff salary.

Individuals who thrive as staff members at The Walden School are energetic, flexible, collaborative, thrive in a fast-paced and dynamic environment, enjoy working with young people and adults alike, are both self-motivated and able to take direction, and bring a sense of humor. The Walden School values creativity and community, and we invite individuals to apply who are seeking a challenging and rewarding opportunity, who can support our mission of inspiring creativity in students, and who can lead capably in a diverse community setting. The Director of Operations supervises staff members.

Staff members must be available at least 6 days prior to the start of the session (arrival no later than Sunday, June 21) through Friday, August 7, 2026 (departure). Compensation is in the form of salary (approximately \$3,300), along with a modest travel reimbursement stipend. The Walden School provides staff members room (single room, shared bathroom with students and/or other faculty and staff) and board; meals are taken in the school's dining hall with students and other faculty and staff, buffet style, with meal options that are varied and ample. The position is a full-time, residential position located in Dublin, New Hampshire. Candidates must have a high school diploma or GED/equivalent, and must have completed high school, at a minimum, one calendar year prior to the start of the Young Musicians Program, and cannot have been a student at the Young Musicians Program during the summer of 2025.

Preference will be given to:

- Applicants who have attended one or more Walden programs as a student.
- Applicants with experience working as a mentor or counselor for school-age children.
- Applicants whose work experience demonstrates an aptitude for flexibility and teamwork.
- Applicants who have an experience in a wide range of musical topics or musical styles.
- Applicants with experience in customer service or administrative work.
- Applicants who have a valid driver's license and, if over the age of 21, are willing to drive a 15-passenger vehicle.
- **Applicants who are certified in water safety and lifeguarding or are interested in and capable of obtaining such certification prior to employment.**
- And/or candidates who will welcome the opportunity to perform some childcare duties for faculty & administration children as part of their duties.

Staff members must be certified in first aid and CPR (valid at least through August 2, 2026).

NOTE: You do not need these certifications to apply, and must be willing to gain these certifications in advance of June 27 to work at YMP. A first aid and CPR course may be offered to faculty and staff members during orientation in June. Staff members must be able to lift and move packages and boxes up to 25lbs in weight.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and résumé to:

Seth Brenzel, Director, Young Musicians Program

email: jobs@waldenschool.org

Review of applications will begin February 1, 2026, and positions are open until filled. We will contact candidates whom we wish to interview. No phone calls, please.

About The Walden School

The Walden School, founded in 1972, is a summer music school, camp, and festival offering programs that emphasize creativity and community, specifically through the study of composition, musicianship, improvisation, and choral singing. In residence on the beautiful campus of the Dublin School in Dublin, New Hampshire, Walden provides an inspiring retreat-like environment ideal for creative music making.

The Walden School's programs include the Young Musicians Program for students ages 9 to 18, and the Creative Musicians Retreat for adults. The School's Concert Series showcases free public performances by renowned artists and ensembles that work closely with program participants.

The Walden School has twice been awarded a Chamber Music America/ASCAP Adventurous Programming Award, has won a Ewing Arts Award, has received a New Music Educator Award from the American Music Center (now New Music USA), and has been a finalist for the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. The Walden School is the successor organization to the Junior Conservatory Camp. The Walden School is a 501(c)3 organization, supported by major foundations, corporations, and more than 400 generous individual donors and households. For more information about The Walden School, visit our website at www.waldenschool.org.

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