



Niagara Symphony Orchestra's Summer Music Camp **Educational Support Teacher (EST)**

Since 1962, the Niagara Symphony Orchestra (NSO) Summer Music Camp (SMC) has inspired and encouraged young musicians from the Niagara Region and beyond. We offer music instruction in a fun, inclusive day-camp atmosphere and welcome campers aged 4-15 of all backgrounds and abilities. Bursaries are available to those families who experience financial obstacles to the cost of their child attending camp, with a sliding-scale applied that can go to 100% of fees.

Campers enjoy a full and varied schedule that includes:

- Daily recitals featuring faculty and guest artists
- approx. 32 hours of Masterclasses in each two-week session
- Orchestral Ensemble participation
- Specialized, age-appropriate Early Years programming in both sessions
- Supervised outdoor recreation and daily crafts
- Every camper participates in SMC Concerts

We are seeking a dynamic educator to join our team as the Educational Support Teacher (EST) staff member to work with our campers and their families to provide a safe, dynamic and fun experience that builds appreciation for the arts and valuable transferable skills. SMC is open to children of all backgrounds and abilities. Inclusion at SMC is extremely important and for many years we have been able to offer additional support to campers who require extra assistance to get the full benefit of camp! The EST will be tasked with assisting in the delivery of programming and ongoing support to all campers who need it, having more direct contact with families to ensure that needs are able to be accommodated.

If you think this is the right opportunity for you, apply today.



Primary Roles & Responsibilities:

- Demonstrate commitment to education and musical excellence in a safe teaching and learning environment.
- Help campers, apprentices, and volunteers work to their full potential and develop their confidence and musical skills.
- Maintain consistent standards of behaviour for all.
- Work with all faculty, staff, and volunteers to ensure the safety of all.
- Work co-operatively with all faculty, staff, and volunteers to ensure the highest standards of program delivery.
- Demonstrate respect for all members of the camp community and its property.
- Review registrations from families regarding their children's needs.
- Contact and meet with parents as required or requested.
- Develop strategies and mechanisms for children with specific needs, to support their full and fruitful participation in the SMC experience.
 - Communicate and interpret those strategies to appropriate staff and faculty and assist as needed with the implementation thereof.
- Classroom and Musical Learning Assistance where necessary.
- Participate in the supervision of children as required.
- Stand ready to evaluate and respond to situations as they arise or are identified by colleagues at SMC.
- Assist campers with Final Concerts and Dress Rehearsals.
- At camp's end, prepare a report for the SMC Director, detailing and evaluating the experience of the Educational Support Teacher at Summer Music Camp, including recommendations for future years.
- Wear camp attire as provided



Qualifications

- Experience working in or currently studying special needs education
- A strong interest in music education
- Instrumental and/or vocal music experience is an asset
- Professionalism, maturity and sensitivity to confidential information
- A background in working with vulnerable sectors (youth, newcomers, and older adults) is an asset
- Submit a current Vulnerable Sector Clearance Check (reimbursed upon submission of receipt)

Compensation: \$3777 total, to be paid bi-weekly.

Schedule: *Must be available for all program dates.*

(Mon – Fri) July 2 – 3, 2026: 3 hours between 10AM – 4PM

July 6 – 31, 2026: 8:30AM – 5:30PM

July 16 & 30, 2026 (Concerts): additionally 5:30PM – 10PM

August 4, 2026: 10AM – 4PM

Application Instructions

Please email your letter of interest and resume in one PDF file to karlie.boyle@niagarasymphony.com, with the subject line:

Last Name, First Name – NSO Summer Music Camp EST Application

Applications must be received by **5PM on Friday, May 15, 2026.**

The Niagara Symphony Orchestra is an equal opportunity and inclusive employer and welcomes all applications. The Niagara Symphony thanks all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.