

OPUS Chamber Music Camp  
August 2 – August 8, 2020, North Central College  
TEACHING ASSISTANT APPLICATION



**Job Description:** This position offers college-age students a unique opportunity to learn, by observing outstanding teachers who are passionate about sharing their love of chamber music. Teaching Assistants at the OPUS Camp are not required to be college music majors, but are proficient on **violin, viola, cello, contrabass, clarinet, or piano**. This position is best described as “Teaching Assistant/Camp Counselor.” Teaching Assistants help faculty members in coaching sessions by taking notes, tuning instruments, turning pages, playing campers’ parts with them, helping them count, and working individually with campers at the direction of the faculty. Teaching Assistants may be asked to lead a coaching session or fill in for an absent camper. Teaching Assistants also act as Camp Counselors by leading recreational activities, acting as role models, and monitoring campers’ behavior, whereabouts, and safety. In addition, T.A.s do a myriad of “odd jobs” such as classroom set-up, making copies, and delivering messages. The ideal T.A. is responsible, energetic, enthusiastic, and focused on creating a positive experience for all campers. Team players! ***If this fits you... we invite you to apply for position of Teaching Assistant for the 2020 Camp.*** (Note: Certain college-degreed and chamber-music experienced TAs may be hired with the title Instructor, who will have duties to help out coaching the Junior Campers.)

**Deadline for Application: March 31, 2020**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Linda Lin Yu - OPUS Camp Director, 630.983.8902. Email: [campdirector.opus@gmail.com](mailto:campdirector.opus@gmail.com)

You may submit application to: OPUS Chamber Music Camp P.O. Box 495 Naperville, IL 60566-0495

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_ Female \_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ # of years studied \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Instrument (if you play one) \_\_\_\_\_ # of years studied \_\_\_\_\_  
College you’re attending \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School and Major \_\_\_\_\_

Name of private teacher you studied with before college, phone number and/or e-mail address

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**If you are studying your instrument with a Music professor at your college:** please provide his/her name, phone number(s) and e-mail address.

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**References:** Personal or Employer – please list 2 - include name, phone number(s) and e-mail address.

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**Please give a brief answer to the following questions:**

*(Use additional space or back to give a complete answer.)*

Have you had any music-teaching experience?

What experience, if any, have you had with chamber music?

What experience have you had working with children in the age range between 8 and 18?

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Key Qualifications**

- A team player,
  - Personable, focused, and non-distractive to peers,
  - Assist office and administration duties;
- Efficient utilization of time on helping campers,
  - Ability to understand and communicate with Faculty re: chamber music concepts and instrumental techniques,
  - Collaborative nature & ability to talk to and work with students,
- High level of personal responsibility & musicianship,
- Reliable Transportation (regular access to vehicle)

**Hiring of flute, harp, and classical guitar teaching assistants depend on the number of enrolled campers in middle June. Please send in your application so you can be to be on the "reserved list" to be considered when necessary.**