



*Building community by creating music together.*

## Homer OPUS String Teacher Job Description



**Position:** String Teacher to begin in August 2025.

**Location:** Homer, Alaska

**Description:** Homer OPUS is a nonprofit organization that delivers school and community-based string programs to individuals aged kindergarten through adult. Our kindergarten through second grade program takes place in local elementary schools and focuses on using the power of music instruction to build brain skills and social/emotional skills. Our after-school orchestra program adds the skills of musicianship, supports the development of individuals as musicians, and fosters a lifelong love of music.

Homer is located on beautiful Kachemak Bay in southcentral Alaska, a 225-mile drive or 30-minute flight from Anchorage. The town has a vibrant arts community that strongly supports our programs and offers a wide range of amenities that support a high quality of life, from extraordinary outdoor recreation opportunities, to fishing, good schools, cultural resources, and dynamic local businesses.

**Duties:** Teach classroom strings for grades K-2 in elementary school classrooms. Lead a small string youth orchestra with groups of varying levels and an adult ensemble. This is an opportunity to take the helm of a growing musical movement in a small Alaskan town, and additional duties will be determined by the candidate's interest and skills and in collaboration with the Homer OPUS Board of Directors.

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**Qualifications:**

- B.A. Music degree or music education experience.
- Enthusiasm for the Homer OPUS mission.
- Primary classroom experience preferred.
- Good communication skills with the ability to collaborate with classroom teachers and administration.
- Ability to organize and implement successful performances.
- Open to professional growth.

**Salary:** \$58,000 - \$65,000. Professional development and relocation assistance are available.

**To Apply:** Send a cover letter and resume to [application@homeropus.org](mailto:application@homeropus.org).



## **String Teacher Job Duties Include:**

### School-based program

- Teach kindergarten through second grade students violin in collaboration with the schools.
- Have a responsive, positive, “Can Do” attitude when working with each school’s different missions and philosophies.
- Develop and plan school-based performances throughout the year.
- Create fast-paced, varied lessons that are developmentally appropriate for each grade level.
- Communicate with staff about special needs students and necessary adaptations.
- Set office hours to communicate with staff and work with new students or students who need 1:1 help.
- Coordinate meetings with staff, principals, and school-based volunteers as necessary.
- Maintain professional standards and professional code of ethics as stated by Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

### Afterschool ensemble (Homer Youth String Orchestra Club) duties

- Direct afterschool orchestral ensembles for youth grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> and adults.
- Promote a lifelong love of music and overall success in students’ music education.
- Incorporate non-musical goals such as building skills in decision-making, self-expression, and leadership.
- Seek out and direct public performances.
- Actively recruit students.

### Other Duties

- Participate in regular meetings of the OPUS Board of Directors and in planning and visioning activities with the Board.
- Develop and coordinate community performances.
- Represent OPUS and OPUS programs to the community.
- Work to build community connections and partnerships to strengthen and build OPUS programs
- Participate in fundraising efforts, such as meeting donors, a practice-a-thon, and house concerts.
- Submit a yearly background check.