HARMONY PROJECT is a research-based nonprofit focusing on K–12 students in underserved areas. We promote positive youth development through year-round music lessons and ensemble participation, all on a tuition-free basis to the families we serve.

OUR MISSION
Harmony Project harnesses the transformative power of music to increase access to higher education for underserved students by removing the systemic barriers to achievement through academic and social support.

Our organization combines music education with a robust social support network to promote academic excellence and socioemotional well-being, empowering a generation of creative thinkers and confident learners to thrive as leaders in their communities.

OUR PROGRAM
Our curriculum is designed for students of all ages/skill levels and integrates each of the following program elements at no cost:

- Every student receives an instrument to take home and practice on.
- Four to five hours of weekly music instruction from a professionally-trained teaching artist.
- Students have an opportunity to perform music with their peers for community audiences.
- Advanced students support their peers through one-on-one mentoring.
- Students have access to tutoring services that help ensure they excel in the classroom.
- Our team of counselors, social workers, and therapists help students and their families navigate challenges at home and school.
- Access to year-round workshops and counseling help ensure our students remain on track during the college admissions and financial aid process.
- We provide $5000 scholarships to support the college aspirations of our high school students.
- Alumni remain connected to Harmony Project through regular check-ins, internships, and paid music performance opportunities.

RESEARCH INDICATES THAT THE STUDY OF MUSIC ACCOMPLISHES THE FOLLOWING:

- Improves academic performance, behavior, and mood.
- Increases self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Enhances and reinforces essential 21st Century skills such as logic, reasoning, visual processing, emotional maturity, empathy, and interpersonal communication.
- 98% of graduating seniors from our Class of 2022 were accepted to college.
OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Harmony Project seeks out partnerships with cross-disciplinary organizations embedded within the 18 communities we serve to complement and/or enhance arts-based educational enrichment programming offered during the school day and after school for the benefit of approximately 3,500 participating students.

NATIONAL HONORS

2009: Harmony Project received the Coming Up Taller Award, the nation’s highest honor for an arts-based youth program.

2011: Harmony Project received the Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation’s second-highest civilian honor.

2015: Harmony Project was recognized as a Bright Spot in Hispanic Education by the United States Department of Education.

SHAPE THE FUTURE WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION

We have an extensive list of children waiting to join our program but the instruments and instruction needed to welcome more students present a significant barrier for our organization. The annual cost per child is $1,500, which covers the cost of a musical instrument, two weekly group lessons, and participation in orchestra programming on Saturdays.

To learn more about Harmony Project and upcoming concert events, please visit our website at harmony-project.org or call us at 323-462-4311.