



Unaccompanied Minor Information

The Series has provided the following information as an aide. All policies, procedures, and associated fees are designated by individual airlines and are subject to change upon their discretion.

What is an unaccompanied minor?

An unaccompanied minor is a specific airline designation and service to supervise a child traveling without the presence of a legal guardian. Generally, airlines consider passengers between the ages of 5-14 traveling alone to be unaccompanied minors. If your Finalist or Junior Finalist will be traveling to the Honors Performance Series by themselves, you may elect to register them as an unaccompanied minor when scheduling their flights to and from New York (additional fees may apply)*. Please note, some airlines require passengers under a certain age to be registered as unaccompanied minors when reserving their flights. The specific designation and requirements vary from airline to airline.

*The Series exclusively staffs John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) during specified timeframes on arrival and departure days. There will not be staff available to pick up or drop off unaccompanied minors (or other participants) at other New York area airports or outside of these specified timeframes.

What are the airline procedures for handling unaccompanied minors?

Policies and procedures regarding unaccompanied minors at check-in, security, and at the flight gate vary from airline to airline. Please contact your specific airline with questions regarding their exact policies and procedures.

How does the Honors Performance Series take care of unaccompanied minors?

Please contact the Series if you are electing to use the unaccompanied minor designation and service. The Series will assign a specific staff member to pick up and drop off unaccompanied minors on arrival and departure day (Note: the staff member will NOT be their assigned Series Chaperone). Parents or guardians requesting unaccompanied minor service will have to fill out a release form and provide identifying information for the Series staff member who is assigned to pick up unaccompanied minors at the gate. The identifying information needed from the designated Series staff member meeting or dropping off unaccompanied minors varies from airline to airline. Please note, it is your responsibility to contact the Series to obtain the identifying information of the staff member handling unaccompanied minors. Plan to contact the Series 1-2 weeks before the program to obtain the necessary information, as our airport staff will not be finalized until then. Additionally, Series staff assignments may differ on arrival and departure days, so be sure to solicit the information for both arrival and departure days if necessary.