

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

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The name of this scholarship, to be awarded annually, will be the “NKBMA/Gene Thompson Scholarship”. The scholarship is available to all second year students who plan to graduate with either a diploma (38-48 Credit Hours) or AAS degree (66-76 Credit Hours) in the PSAM program at the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. The race, color, creed, gender or religious affiliation of the applicant will not be a factor in determining eligibility for this scholarship.
2. The applicant must be enrolled in either the PSAM Diploma (38-48 Credit Hours) or PSAM AAS Degree (66-76 credit Hours) program at the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music.
3. The applicant must have completed their first year in their declared PSAM program of study.
4. The applicant must have a 2.5 grade point average or higher.

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP: This is a non-renewable, outright grant, awarded annually.

### AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

1. One, \$1,000.00 grant to be disbursed as follows:
  - a. One \$500.00 grant installment to be paid at the beginning of each semester (one year only).
  - b. To be paid directly to the school at the beginning of the semester in which the student is enrolled.
2. Student must maintain at least a 2.5 average to be eligible for the second and final grant installment.

### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Applications must be received at the NKBMA Office by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
2. Applicants must provide three (3) letters of reference. One letter must be a recommendation from their music instructor or teacher.
3. Applicants must furnish a current transcript, including their most recent GPA, from the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music.
4. Applicants must furnish a copy of the latest 1040 Income Statement for their source of support (ie: self, parent(s), etc.)
5. Applicants will be required to state their reason for applying, including an artist's statement, financial need, college plans, and any additional pertinent data that may aid the Scholarship Committee in making their selection.
6. Applicants must furnish a recent photograph (black & white OR a color photograph with LIGHT background) that will be used for the sole purpose of publicity of the winning applicant for the association. Please note that photographs cannot be returned.

### SELECTION PROCESS:

1. All applications for this scholarship received at the NKBMA Office by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee.
2. Envelopes will have the receipt date written on them and will be attached to, and become part of, the application.
3. The Scholarship Committee will review and select the winning applicant based on the criteria as set out herein. Provided that all other factors being equal, the scholarship will be awarded to the individual who is otherwise qualified and is in need of the financial aid afforded by this scholarship.
4. The winning applicant will be notified by mail.
5. Funds will be disbursed on behalf of the Association through the KSBTM at Hazard, KY.
6. The decision of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and absolute.

**PART I**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST                      FIRST                      MIDDLE

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
                     NUMBER                    STREET                    APT #

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE / ( ) AREA CODE & PHONE NUMBER

## PART II

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME CITY STATE

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME CITY STATE

**KSBTM PROGRAM YOU ARE ATTENDING:** PSAM DIPLOMA \_\_\_\_\_ PSAM AAS DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_

**IF TRANSFERRING** from another college or university, indicate the level you expect to enter.

**\*\*A letter from the KSBTM admissions office will be required to verify entry level.**

\_\_\_\_\_Second-Year

Third-Year

Fourth-Year

**Have you been awarded another scholarship?** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_  
YES NO

**FINANCIAL NEED:** Please attach a copy of the latest 1040 Income Statement of your source of support (ie: self, parent(s), etc.)

## PART III

**ARTISTS STATEMENT:** This should be submitted on a separate sheet. Please include your reasons for wanting to be a performing artist, a description of performers and/or work that you admire, and your academic and performance goals. Your statement should be 300-500 words (double spaced) in length. Be sure to include your name at the top of your statement.

**EMPHASIS INTEREST:** (please check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Music History                      \_\_\_\_\_ Song Writing                      \_\_\_\_\_ Harmony/Part Singing

\_\_\_\_\_ Band Ensemble                      \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar                      \_\_\_\_\_ Recording

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**MUSICAL BACKGROUND:** Please list below information concerning your musical background including: vocal training, instruments played, instruction received, awards, etc. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

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**OTHER INFORMATION:** Please explain, in your own words, any other details which may not have been covered that you feel will aid the Scholarship Committee in the review of your application.

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**REFERENCES:** Three (3) letters of reference must be submitted with your application. One of these letters must be from your music instructor or teacher.

**PHOTOGRAPH:** Please include a recent photograph (black & white OR a color photograph with a LIGHT background are acceptable). The photograph will be used solely for publicity purposes in announcing the winner of our scholarship. Please note that photographs cannot be returned.

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- ☐ 1. This completed application.
- ☐ 2. Transfer verification – if required.
- ☐ 3. 1040 Income Statement Copies
- ☐ 4. Artist's Statement
- ☐ 5. Three (3) Reference Letters
- ☐ 6. Recent Photograph (acceptable format)

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### **PART IV**

#### **MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:**

The Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 133  
Hebron, KY 41048

**Applications must be received by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**

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