

NORTHERN KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The name of this scholarship, to be awarded annually, will be the "NKBMA / Gene Thompson Scholarship". The scholarship is available to all students who plan to graduate with either a diploma (38-48 Credit Hours) or degree (66-76 Credit Hours) in any Bluegrass and/or Traditional Music program offered at any Kentucky college or university that is similar in the educational program components provided by 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 a Diploma (38-48 Credit Hours) or AAS Degree (66-76 Credit Hours) program.
3. The applicant must maintain a 2.5 grade point average or higher.

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

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Two, \$500.00 grants will be disbursed as follows:
 - a. One \$500.00 grant will be paid to the selected scholarship winner for the FALL semester of the application year.
 - b. One \$500.00 grant will be paid to the selected scholarship winner for the SPRING semester of the application year.
 - c. Monies will be paid directly to the school at the beginning of each semester in which the student has been awarded the scholarship.
2. The student must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average in order to be eligible for the disbursement.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Applications for the FALL Semester Scholarship must be received at the NKBMA Office on or before **August 1st** of the current year.
2. Applications for the SPRING Semester Scholarship must be received at the NKBMA Office on or before **December 1st** of the current year.
3. Applicants must provide three (3) letters of reference. One letter must be a recommendation from their music instructor or teacher.
4. Applicants must furnish a current college or high school transcript which includes their most recent GPA.
5. Applicants must furnish a copy of the most recent 1040 Income Statement for their source of support (ie: self, parents, etc.)
6. Applicants will be required to state their reason for applying, including an artist's statement, financial need, educational goals, and any additional pertinent data that may aid the Scholarship Committee in making its decision.
7. Applicants must furnish a recent photograph (black & white OR 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.
8. Applicants must declare the degree they are seeking and provide complete course descriptions with credit hours.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. All applications for the scholarships received at the NKBMA Office by the aforementioned dates 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 both email and USPS mail.
5. Funds will be disbursed on behalf of the Association directly to the bursars office of the school.
6. If applicable, any federal or state taxes related to the disbursement will be the sole responsibility of the recipient.
7. The decision of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and absolute.
8. Whenever a Committee Member has a personal interest in the matter of selection, the affected person shall:
 - a. Fully disclose the nature of the interest; and
 - b. Withdraw from discussion and will not vote on the matter.

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APPLICATION FOR THE NKBMA / GENE THOMPSON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

PART I

NAME:

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

PART II

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

HIGH SCHOOL:

NAME

CITY

STATE

OTHER:

NAME

CITY

STATE

PROGRAM YOU ARE ATTENDING:

IF TRANSFERRING from another college or university, indicate the level you expect to enter. **A letter from the current admissions office will be required to verify entry level.

Have you been awarded another scholarship?

If "Yes", enter amount:

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

PART III

ARTISTS STATEMENT: This should be submitted on 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 (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

INSTRUMENT

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.

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.

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 & SIGNATURES:

This completed application
Transfer verification – if required.
1040 Income Statement Copies
Artist's Statement
Three (3) Reference Letters
Recent Photograph in acceptable format

I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I agree to the terms and processes herein.

E-Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

PART IV

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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

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