



High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Association **Pickin' In the Park Youth Scholarship**

The High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Association, Inc. Pickin' in the Park Youth Scholarships will be awarded annually to motivated students who are involved in traditional acoustic bluegrass music, who have demonstrated musical ability or an aptitude for music and who demonstrate a need for financial assistance for study.

The annual scholarship program has been made possible, in large part, through the generous donations to a HLS Educational Fund. We thank the many individuals, families and organizations who have donated to HLS over the years to help keep the club going and start these scholarships.

Multiple Individual applicants will be selected to receive scholarships up to \$500 which may be applied to individual lessons or a traditional acoustic bluegrass camp/program of the applicant's choice. Scholarship winners can select from camps and classes in all levels of acoustic bass, banjo, dobro, fiddle, guitar, or mandolin. Only one scholarship per individual will be awarded.

Only students/musicians of traditional acoustic bluegrass instruments (acoustic bass, banjo, dobro, fiddle, guitar, or mandolin) age 18 and younger are eligible to apply. First considered applicants must be residents of the North Carolina Counties of Guilford, Randolph, Chatham, Alamance, Rockingham, Forsyth, Stokes or Davidson and be members of High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Association but everyone is encouraged to apply. **Preference will be given to first time applicants (i.e., have never before received an HLS scholarship)** and applicants who are not yet accomplished musicians.

Complete applications must include

- (1) Fully completed application (attached).
- (2) Two (2) letters of reference from an adult who knows you and your ability.
- (3) A **200 word (minimum)** essay (written by the applicant), explaining **why** you would like to win this scholarship and **how** you plan to use it.
- (4) A standard AUDIO CASSETTE, CD, DVD, mp3 or YouTube video demonstrating the applicant's musicianship of your traditional music approximately 2-5 minutes long.

Applications must be mailed and postmarked by March 31 of each year. WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY APRIL 30 each year. Official Public Announcement of Winners will be made during the annual Pickin' in the Park. Recipients will be asked to be present at that year's Pickin' in the Park to receive the award. Artists receiving awards will be expected to perform in a Scholarship Showcase at Pickin' in the Park the year following the award. The recipient of the award and the amount awarded are determined in the sole discretion of the HLS Scholarship Committee whose decision shall be final.

TO: TRADITIONAL MUSIC STUDENTS AGES 18 & UNDER.

RE: Individual Music Scholarships - traditional acoustic bluegrass instruments only (acoustic bass, banjo, dobro, fiddle, guitar, or mandolin)

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

This year's funds have been set aside for multiple scholarships to "assist young students of **Traditional Acoustic Bluegrass Music** with their music education and exploration." Individual applicants are selected to receive scholarships in amounts up to a maximum of \$500, which may be applied to the **traditional acoustic bluegrass music** education of their choice.

The High Lonesome Strings Scholarship Committee will pay the fees for camp tuition or private lessons (not to exceed the amount of the scholarship) directly to the music camp or teacher. All individual scholarships awarded May 19, 2018 are to be used by April 30th, 2019 or be forfeited back to the scholarship fund.

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- (1) Fully completed application (attached).
- (2) Two (2) letters of reference from an adult who knows you and your ability. (Teacher, Friend, Pastor // **NOT A PARENT or RELATIVE**). References must be signed and include the name, phone number and address of the reference.
- (3) A **200 word (minimum)** essay (written by the applicant), explaining **why** you would like to win this scholarship and **how** you plan to use it.
- (4) A standard AUDIO CASSETTE, CD, DVD, mp3 or YouTube video demonstrating the applicant's musicianship of your traditional music approximately 2-5 minutes long. Can be emailed to Greeson.elizabeth@yahoo.com

High Lonesome Strings Membership information available at www.highlonesomestrings.org
Youth FREE 1st year.

INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION PACKETS AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE TO:

High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Association

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 482

Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

2018 WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY APRIL 30, 2018. Official Public Announcement of Winners will be made during Pickin' in the Park, May 19, 2018. Recipients will be asked to be present at that year's Pickin' in the Park to receive the award. Artists receiving awards will be expected to perform in a Scholarship Showcase at Pickin' in the Park the year following the award. The recipient of the award and the amount awarded are determined in the sole discretion of the HLS Scholarship Committee whose decision shall be final.

VERIFICATION OF SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

****APPLICATION PACKETS MUST CONTAIN ALL THE FOLLOWING: NO INCOMPLETE PACKETS ACCEPTED**

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WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY APRIL 30, 2018

I hereby declare that everything submitted in this scholarship application is accurate and truthful.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Applications must be mailed and postmarked by March 31 of each year. Download, print and complete the attached form and mail to:

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Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 482
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

Winners will be notified by April 30 each year.

Scholarship Winners

ALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNINGS MUST BE USED BY APRIL 30 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR OF THE AWARD OR BE FORFEITED and RE-ALLOCATED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

Music camps

Information on camps will be available (upon request) at the time of notification. Recipients will be responsible for their own registration. After registering, the scholarship recipient will notify High Lonesome Strings that they have chosen a camp and the High Lonesome Strings Scholarship Committee will pay the camp directly, not to exceed the amount of the scholarship.

Private lessons

Fees for private lessons, not to exceed the amount of the scholarship, will be paid directly to the music teacher. The music teacher will complete the Teacher Reimbursement Form attached and submit to the address on the form for payment/reimbursement for any lessons provided up to the awarded scholarship amount.

Teacher Reimbursement

Reimbursement, not to exceed the amount of the scholarship, will only be made AFTER music lessons have been received. Your music instructor must document dates & cost of instruction on the attached form.

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Pickin' In the Park Youth Scholarship

NAME:

ADDRESS:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

BIRTHDATE: _____ (must be 18 or under to apply)
(Month) (Day) (Year)

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

COUNTY AND STATE WHERE YOU LIVE: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS? Year (s) _____ Month(s) _____

PARENTS/GUARDIAN'S NAMES:

NAME OF CURRENT SCHOOL ATTENDED:

YOUR CURRENT GRADE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WHAT TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT(S) DO YOU PLAY?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING EACH INSTRUMENT?

CURRENT MEMBER OF HIGH LONESOME STRINGS BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION? YES ___ NO ___

ARE YOU CURRENTLY PERFORMING? YES ___ NO ___.

ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECORDING or HAVE YOU RECORDED A CD? YES ___ NO ___

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD: _____ ANY SIBLINGS THAT PLAY TRADITIONAL MUSIC _____

TOTAL INCOME OF APPLICANT'S PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S: Please Check One of the following:

_____ Less than \$15,000/year

_____ Between \$45,000-\$60,000/year

_____ Between \$15,000-\$30,000/year

_____ Between \$60,000-\$75,000/year

_____ Between \$30,000-\$45,000/year

_____ Over \$75,000 /year



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MUSIC LESSON REIMBURSEMENT FORM

Reimbursement, not to exceed the amount of the scholarship, will only be made **AFTER** music lessons have been received.

Your music instructor must document dates & cost of instruction below, sign & submit.

Date: _____

Name of Student: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Teacher's Phone: _____

Address of Teacher:

Teacher Tax ID Number: _____

Date of lesson: Cost per lesson:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TOTAL _____

Signature of Student: _____

Signature of Teacher: _____

You may make copies of this form as needed for reimbursement.

Please send completed form to:

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Questions? Call Elizabeth Greeson-336-687-3131 or Greeson.elizabeth@yahoo.com