

# The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc.

The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in February 2007 to support traditional music. It provides opportunities for the general public to explore and experience a range of traditional American music, as well as contemporary musical styles with strong traditional roots. For example, The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc. is interested in traditional American genres such as old-time music, and contemporary extensions of traditional music, such as bluegrass. These musical styles share common roots and are passed to subsequent generations through aural tradition. For the benefit of the general public, the organization hosts, produces, and supports live performances of this music in the form of concerts, festivals, and workshops. In order to advance educational opportunity, the organization will provide music scholarships to individual students and grants to individuals and nonprofit organizations to pursue bluegrass and traditional acoustic music education and skill development.

## **Scholarships for College or Postgraduate Study in Traditional or Bluegrass Music**

**Funds provided to individuals in the form of need and merit-based scholarships to students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institutions.** These scholarships allow needy and musically talented individuals to pursue college and university degrees focusing on traditional or bluegrass music studies at an eligible educational institution. Recipients must be pursuing a full-time course of study focusing on traditional or traditionally derived music such as bluegrass. Recipients must prove full-time enrollment with good academic standing at an eligible educational institution and must be following a course of studies focusing on traditional or bluegrass music. Individual recipients must provide proof of full-time enrollment, grade point average, eligible area studies, and need-based eligibility. All four criteria must be substantiated by the degree-granting institution. The number and amount of scholarships awarded each year will depend on the net revenues available to the organization. These scholarship funds can be used for tuition and fees. Individual recipients must demonstrate their progress at a Traditional Music Foundation performance event.

**Completed Applications must be received by May 15, 2010  
Winners will be notified by June 15, 2010**

### **Applicant Selection Criteria**

Specific criteria for college and university scholarships include application statements by the applicants themselves, past academic performance (certified copies of grades), and letters of recommendation from faculty familiar with their musical potential and program of study, and financial need. Students exhibiting the greatest combination of financial need, commitment to traditional or bluegrass music, and musical potential will rank highest.

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## **Supervision of Scholarships**

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the qualified academic institution on behalf of the scholarship award winner. For academic institutions, scholarship grants can only be credited if the student is in good standing with the college or university. If the student fails to enroll in any academic institution for which a scholarship is awarded, The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc. will require refund of the scholarship award from the academic institution and/or individual. If the award recipient withdraws from a program, The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc. will pursue any reimbursable funds from the academic institution and then seek a refund for the remainder of awarded funds from the individual grant recipient or parents and/or guardians if the scholarship is awarded to a minor. No applicant or institution with an unresolved reimbursement to The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc. will be eligible for any subsequent funds from the organization.

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## **Scholarship Announcement:**

### Scholarships for College or Postgraduate Study in Traditional or Bluegrass Music

The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting American traditional music and contemporary extensions with strong traditional roots will award one or two scholarships awarded for full-time college or university study in a program focusing on bluegrass or American traditional music. The 2010 scholarship awards cover the academic year beginning in Fall 2010 and ending in Spring 2011.

#### Criteria for Award:

- Musical Achievement and Promise
- Commitment to Bluegrass or American Traditional Acoustic Music
- Financial Need
- Academic Achievement
- Full-time Program of Study
- Scholarship Award Winner must sign an agreement to terms of the award including performance at a Traditional Music Foundation festival, concert, or workshop.

#### Application and Selection:

#### **Completed Applications must be received by May 15, 2010**

Application Letter

Application Form

Statement of Musical and Professional Objectives

Most Recent Certified Copy of High School or College Transcript

Letters of Recommendation (3)

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Application forms and additional information available at [www.traditionalmusicfoundation.org](http://www.traditionalmusicfoundation.org).

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College or Postgraduate Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Style(s) of Music Played:

Instrument(s) Played:

How Long Have You Played This Instrument?

Describe your experience, achievement, and commitment to traditional or bluegrass music (350 words or less). Attach additional page, if necessary. If possible, please include an audio recording of yourself.

Explain how your musical goals are hindered by financial constraints (250 words or less). Attach additional page, if necessary. This information will be kept confidential by The Traditional Music Foundation, Inc. Directors and Scholarship Committee.

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College or Postgraduate Scholarship Application

College or University Information

College/University:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Degree or Certificate Program of Study:

Major:

Circle Degree and Grade Level During 2010-2011 academic year:

Undergraduate:	1 <sup>st</sup> yr	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr	3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	4 <sup>th</sup> yr	5 <sup>th</sup> yr or more
Graduate:	1 <sup>st</sup> yr	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr or more			

Will you be enrolled full-time during the 2009-2010 academic year?

“I authorize the release of the following information: high school or college transcripts, college enrollment, degree program, course of study confirmation for 2010-2011, and financial aid eligibility status for 2010-2011.”

YES

NO

**CERTIFICATION:**

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By submitting this application, I also agree to demonstrate my artistic development at a Traditional Music Foundation concert, festival, or workshop without receiving additional compensation.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18: : \_\_\_\_\_

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Letter of Reference for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant)

Please ask three teachers or other musicians who are familiar with your musical experience to fill out the following questionnaire. Your reference will be contacted by the selection panel with any additional questions. Your reference may attach additional pages.

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

How dedicated to traditional or bluegrass music is this applicant?

In your opinion, what is the applicant's current level of musical achievement and future potential?

In your opinion, explain how this scholarship award will contribute to this applicant's musical development? Be specific.