



# Wayne C. Henderson Foundation

## Music Scholarships & Grants

TO: TRADITIONAL APPALACHIAN MUSIC STUDENTS **AGES 16 & UNDER** & ARTS AND YOUTH SERVICE NON-PROFITS

RE: A: Individual Music Scholarships - Traditional acoustic instruments only

B: Grants to Non-Profit Traditional Appalachian Music Programs

### A. INDIVIDUAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was the 30<sup>th</sup> and final Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition. Although the festival is no longer held, we hope our foundation's ability to offer scholarships and grants to **Traditional Appalachian Music Non-Profit Programs** and young students of **Traditional Acoustic Appalachian Music** will thrive for many years.

Music programs may be awarded grants of \$1000 or more, and individuals may be awarded scholarships up to \$500, which can be applied to individual lessons or a music camp. Fees for camp tuition or private lessons (not to exceed the amount of the scholarship) will be paid **directly to the music camp or instructor**. **All individual scholarships awarded each year must be used by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year or be forfeited back to the scholarship fund.**

1. Only students/musicians of Traditional Appalachian Acoustic Music age 16 & under may apply.
2. All applicants must reside within **one of the following Counties**.
  - o **North Carolina (31 counties)**: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey
  - o **South Carolina (7 counties)**: Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union
  - o **Virginia (25 counties)**: Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Highland, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe
3. **Scholarships are need and performance based**
4. Individuals are limited to winning a scholarship a maximum of 1 time.

**Applications must be MAILED & POSTMARKED no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> each year and MUST include:**

1. A **completed application form** ( The application can be found on the website/ see below)
2. **(2) Letters** of reference from an adult (**NOT A PARENT OR RELATIVE**)
3. A **YouTube video** showcasing applicant's ability to play one complete traditional music tune on a traditional acoustic instrument. **The YouTube video must be titled as NAME / WCH SCHOLARSHIPS (EXAMPLE- JANE DOE/WCH SCHOLARSHIPS)**
4. A **200 word (minimum) essay** explaining **why** the applicant would like to win the scholarship and **how** they plan to use it.

### B: GRANTS TO NON PROFIT TRADITIONAL MUSIC PROGRAMS

The Wayne C. Henderson Foundation also offers **Traditional Acoustic Music Non-Profit Programs** the opportunity to compete for **need-based** grants to fund instructors, student fees or general operating expenses. **Organizations must have non-profit status and serve youth in the Central Appalachian region. Only one application per non-profit agency will be accepted.**

**Submissions must be MAILED & POSTMARKED no later than June 1st each year and MUST include:**

1. Name of the Program & proof of non-profit status
2. Name, phone # & email address of the Program Director & Contact Person
3. History and objectives of the program
4. Structure of the program, target population and number of children served
5. Key artists and organizations involved
6. Annual Income & operating expenses **(If the music program is a subsidiary or an affiliate of another non-profit, the parent non-profit organization's annual income & operating expenses must be included).**
7. **Projected use of grant money**

**SUBMISSIONS MISSING ANY OF THE REQUIRED ITEMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**PLEASE MAIL ALL SUBMISSIONS TO:**

WCH SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

PO BOX 531

GALAX, VA 24333

**WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY July 15th EACH YEAR**

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