

# 2016 Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Name of parent/guardian if under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

How did you hear about the Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

*(The above information is for outreach purposes only; it has no bearing on our decision.)*

## **Please respond to the following items on a separate sheet of paper and attach with above information.**

- State in 50 words or less your specific plan for using the scholarship to study Irish music or song.
- List background information: who your teachers are, who you want to study with in the future, etc.
- State any experience you have had in Irish instrumental music or song.
- Provide a brief, but thorough description of any involvement in Irish Fest or Irish-related activities.
- Provide **at least** one letter of recommendation from a current teacher stating how you would benefit from the scholarship. Your application will be strengthened if you can provide one or more letters of reference from an unrelated person(s). All letters of reference **MUST** be sent or emailed (please use Ed Ward Music Scholarship in the subject line) under separate cover and are due by the same date as your application. Feel free to provide any other information you think might be relevant for the Scholarship Committee to adequately appraise your application.

If I am awarded this scholarship, I agree to submit a status report by June 30th of next year. I also agree to submit a final report or to give a presentation to Irish Fest within two months of completing the experience for which the money is requested. [Winner will be given \$500 in August of the award year. The remaining \$500 will be awarded only upon the committee's receipt of the grantee's report, including evidence (such as receipts and registration forms) that the project was completed.]

If I am awarded this scholarship, I agree to let Irish Fest use the application information and photos taken at presentation for such purposes as it sees fit such as news releases and web site.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Photocopies of this application or any application in substantially the same printed format may be used.

Your application and all letters of reference (sent or emailed separately) must be in the CelticMKE office or postmarked by June 30th. Applications accepted May 1-June 30. Please send to: Ed Ward Irish Music Scholarship, Attn. Jeannie Cissne, CelticMKE, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53213 or email: [musicscholarship@celticmke.com](mailto:musicscholarship@celticmke.com) (Use Ed Ward Music Scholarship in subject line).

The scholarship recipient will be notified no later than August 1st. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision. If you require additional information, please write to the Scholarship Committee at the above address or call the CelticMKE office at (414) 476-3378 during regular business hours.

The Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship was established in 1989 by resolution of the Board of Directors of Irish Festivals, Inc., to honor Edward J. Ward, founder of the Milwaukee Irish Fest and promoter of Irish activities in the Milwaukee area.

The \$1,000 yearly scholarship for musicians or singers is to be used for their study or for projects related to Irish instrumental music or song. Applicants may be of any age or ethnic background and need not be residents of the Milwaukee area.

The Scholarship Committee anticipates announcing the Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship recipient during Milwaukee Irish Fest in August.

Winners will be given \$500 in August of the award year. The remaining \$500 will be awarded only upon the committee's receipt of the grantee's report, including evidence (such as receipts and registration forms) that the project was completed.

Further information can be obtained by writing to: Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship, Attn. Jeanne Cissne, CelticMKE, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53213, or emailing us at [musicscholarship@celticmke.com](mailto:musicscholarship@celticmke.com) (please use Ed Ward Music Scholarship in the subject line). You can also call the CelticMKE office during regular business hours at 414-476-3378 or visit our website at [www.celticmke.com](http://www.celticmke.com).

Examples of past scholarships:

- Study & compilation of session tunes
- Sean Nos study
- Instrumental music lessons