

CelticMKE Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship Application ~ 2017

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.

◆ Past scholarship projects awarded include Sean n6s study and instrumental music lessons. ◆

THE 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.)

If I am awarded this scholarship, I agree

- to submit a status report by June 30th of next year
- to submit a final report or to give a presentation to the Edward Ward Scholarship committee within two months of completing the experience for which the money is requested
- to permit CelticMKE and/or Irish Fest to use this application information, photos, or other materials to be agreed upon for news releases and web site.

Signature of applicant (and guardian if under 18): _____

Date: _____

Applications and letter(s) of recommendation and reference must be received in the CelticMKE / Irish Fest office between May 1 and June 30. ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: JUNE 30.

How to send your materials:

- Email – MusicScholarship@CelticMKE.com
- Regular Mail – CelticMKE Cultural Grant, Attention Sue Van Dyke, 1532 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53213-2623
- Fax – 414/476-7712 to the attention of Sue Van Dyke

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper, preferably in a Word Document, and submit with the above application form.

1. State in 50 words or less your specific plan for using the scholarship to study Irish music or song.
2. List background information: who your teachers are, who you want to study with in the future, etc.
3. State any experience you have had in Irish instrumental music or song.
4. Provide a brief, but thorough description of any involvement in Irish Fest or Irish-related activities.
5. Feel free to provide any other information you think might be relevant for the Scholarship Committee to adequately appraise your application.
6. Provide ***at least*** one letter of recommendation from a current teacher stating how you would benefit from the scholarship. Your application will also be strengthened if you can provide one or more letters of reference from an unrelated person(s). **All letters of recommendation and reference should be e-mailed or sent to the CelticMKE office under separate cover. They should *not* be included with your application. They are due in our office by the same date as your application.**

The scholarship recipient will be notified no later than August 1st. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision. If you have any questions, please contact the committee at MusicScholarship@CelticMKE.com.

Be sure to contact us well before the application deadline.

**Thank you for applying for the CelticMKE
Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship, and GOOD LUCK!**