

## Irish Traditions Atlanta Music Scholarship



### Introduction

Since 2009, Irish Traditions Atlanta has been granting up to 3 financial awards to deserving students of Irish music and song. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to qualified Irish traditional musicians or singers seeking to advance their skills by participating in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) accredited fleadhanna, recognized classes and workshops or other Irish Traditions Atlanta (ITA) approved courses of study or learning opportunities. In this way, ITA seeks to foster the development of local players of traditional Irish music and song.

Irish Traditions Ambassador Award was added to the scholarship program in 2012. This additional scholarship is intended to advance the diversity of the community by supporting a musician or singer who is pursuing their skill in areas that increase the richness of the Irish musical culture in the greater Atlanta area. The Board Chair of Irish Traditions Atlanta will make the recommendation of this optional scholarship to the Scholarship committee for approval each year from the same pool of eligible candidates.

These awards are intended for eligible candidates who (either or both):

1. perform to a high standard, as recognized by placement in organized competitions
2. demonstrate ongoing promise of future development and will profit from participation in intensive workshop-type learning.

### Eligibility

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must be a minimum of 12 years old as of January 1st.
2. Applicant must be a paid current member of Irish Traditions Atlanta.
3. No financial need is required to qualify.
4. Applicant must submit all required application information on time.
5. Applicant must be a resident in the greater Atlanta area.
6. Applicants may reapply; however, no one may receive the award in two consecutive years, or more than two times in a five-year period.
7. The applicant may not be a direct relative (spouse, child, sibling or parent) of the ITA Board Chair.
8. Scholarship awardees may be requested to share the benefits of their educational experience with other branch members.

### Selection

The recipient will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee of ITA. The committee will consist of at least one ITA Board member, an ITA member (may also be a board member), and where practical a member of CCE from another branch outside of Atlanta. At least two-thirds of the committee members should be accomplished Irish traditional musicians. No members of the committee can be directly related to any of the applicants (spouse, child, sibling, or parent/guardian).

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### **Awards**

Up to 3 awards of \$500.00 each may be awarded annually. The number of awards will be determined by (1) the ITA Board with consideration to budget prior to the application start date and (2) the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will only make awards to qualified candidates regardless of the number of applicants. The Irish Traditions Ambassador Award is an optional award of \$500.00 (in addition to the latter 3 awards) recommended by the Board Chair of Irish Traditions Atlanta. Up to 4 awards may be granted in total.

The award will be paid by check directly to the recipient upon proof of commitment to the event (receipt for travel or lodging expense, workshop fees, or other pre-paid amounts).



### Application Information & Deadline

Applicant must submit the following:

1. Application form (see attached)
2. Letter of recommendation from a music teacher or a non-family adult who is versed on the candidate and his/her development needs
3. A short essay or letter completed by the applicant, to include:
  - A description of the event or competition. Include the date and location of the event and describe the estimated expenses (transportation, hotel, entrants' fee, etc.)
  - Why this specific event will help you grow as an Irish traditional musician
  - What you hope to gain from the experience, and how you will contribute to the local Irish music scene
  - How will you use your experience to promote Irish music in Atlanta in the future, and how the community will benefit .
4. A resume of your musical experience, to include:
  - Instruments you play and how long you have been playing Irish traditional music
  - Description of your musical influences, 'style' of play and favorite artists
  - Listing of prior and current teachers
  - Participation in organized competitions and any awards received, what year and where
  - Description of other major workshops attended, major performances, or other events that describe your musical background
5. An audio recording of the applicants solo playing.
  - A recording in digital format is preferred
  - 2-3 minutes duration

#### **NOTE:**

- **Applications must be submitted after December 9, 2015, and to be received no later than January 31, 2016.**
- **The Award (s) will be announced at no later than the May Board or Membership meeting.**
- **Email all five items and files to ITA Board Chair: [irishtraditionsatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:irishtraditionsatlanta@gmail.com)**
- **OR print and mail your application to the ITA Board Chair:**

Donal Fleming  
5028 Vermack Rd  
Atlanta, GA 30338

Go n-éirí an t-ádh leat!

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APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (on January 1, 2016): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD CATEGORY (Please check all that apply)

DEVELOPMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of workshop, Location, Date)

COMPETITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Competition, Location, Date)

ATTACH/ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- ✓ LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
- ✓ SHORT ESSAY – (NO MORE THAN 1 TYPED PAGE)
- ✓ MUSIC RESUME
- ✓ RECORDING

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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