

Edward J. Ward Irish Music Scholarship Application ~ 2012 ~ *(Please Print or Type)*

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.

- 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) 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 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 for such purposes as it sees fit such as news releases and web site. Irish Fest will require recipient's social security number prior to issue of award in order to comply with IRS rules.

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 in separately) must be in the Irish Fest office or postmarked by June 30th. Applications accepted May 1st ~ June 30th. Please send to: **Scholarship Committee, Milwaukee Irish Fest, Attention: Jeannie Cissne/Ed Ward Irish Music Scholarship, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53213 or fax: 414-476-7712 or email: info@irishfest.com**

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 Irish Fest 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 Ed Ward, founder of the Milwaukee Irish Fest and promoter of various Irish activities in the Milwaukee area.

The \$1,000 yearly scholarship for musicians or singers is to be used for their study of 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 the festival.

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Further information and applications can be obtained by writing to the Scholarship/Grant Committee at Irish Fest, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53213, by emailing us at info@irishfest.com, by calling the Irish Fest office at 414-476-3378 during regular business hours or by visiting our website at www.irishfest.com

Examples of past scholarships:

◆ Study & compilation of session tunes ◆

◆ Sean Nos study ◆

◆ Instrumental music lessons ◆