



About Scholarships

The O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat is a learning environment that teaches the fundamentals of traditional Irish music on a variety of instruments. It is a continuation of a tradition that started long ago in Ireland as the music was passed down from one generation to another to preserve it. An important part of the retreat's mission is to provide opportunities for those who have a strong interest in traditional Irish music. The scholarship program is set up to award scholarships based on musical ability with the potential for excelling within the Irish music tradition or based on financial need. The scholarships are underwritten through generous funding provided by the Southwest Celtic Music Association.

Music Scholarships

The applicant must already play an instrument and would benefit by attending the retreat. A letter of recommendation by the applicant's instructor or a person (not a family member) who is deemed qualified to assess the musical ability of applicant is required. In lieu of a letter, an applicant may send a cassette or CD recording of his or her playing. It is not required that the applicant perform Irish music on the recording. Upon receipt of the recording, any Scholarship Committee member may then choose to recommend applicant for scholarship.

Financial Need Scholarships

The applicant must complete the same requirements as stated above for the Music Scholarships. Additionally, a statement of financial need must be submitted with the application by the applicant or, if a minor, by his or her parent or guardian. All financial information submitted will be confidentially held. Please be specific as possible so it will be easier for the Scholarship Committee to evaluate the financial needs of the applicant.

What's Included in the Scholarships

There are two levels of scholarships. A specific number of scholarships are awarded that cover the full three-day weekend tuition, meals and lodging of the scholarship recipient. Another set of scholarships are awarded that cover 50% of the tuition, meals and lodging costs. The level of scholarship that is awarded to a particular student is determined by the Scholarship Committee and the availability of the scholarships. The scholarships do not cover the non-student costs for the accompanying parents or guardians (i.e., meals and lodging).

Process for Submission

A completed and signed application with a letter of recommendation and, if applying based on financial need, an attached statement of need, must be submitted no later than October 17, 2008. Because we have a limited number of scholarships to award, please submit an application as soon as possible. Mail documents to O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat, 1320 Navaho Trail, Richardson, TX 75080. To discuss scholarships, call (972) 238-8724 or email the retreat organizers at retreat@irishtradmusic.org.



Scholarship Application

This application with a letter of recommendation must be submitted no later than October 1, 2008. If applicant is seeking a scholarship based on financial need, please attach a parent/guardian statement describing such need. The Scholarship Committee will consider applications and notify applicants by mail/email of its decisions.

PLEASE PRINT

Student Name: _____ Day Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

If 18 or under, name of parent/guardian: _____

Instrument(s) Played: _____

How many years have you taken lessons? ____ Name of Instructor: _____ Phone: _____

Name of school, academy, place of instruction: _____

On the back of this form or on a separate sheet of paper, please tell us why you are seeking a scholarship to the retreat and what you expect to gain by your attendance if awarded a scholarship.

Check all that apply:

- I will be available and will attend all of the classes of which I register at the retreat.
- I am a minor and my parent or guardian will accompany me to the retreat.
- I understand that a scholarship, if awarded to me, only covers or partially covers my tuition, lodging and meals and not my accompanying parent or guardian.
- If for whatever reason I am unable to attend, I will contact the retreat organizers immediately.

Applicant's Signature

If Minor, Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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The O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat is produced by the Traditional Irish Music Education Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the learning and playing of traditional Irish music.