The Lute Society of America Student Scholarship

The Lute Society of America Student Scholarship was established to aid deserving students in their pursuit of lute studies. This aid is given so that students of the lute and related instruments can participate in the biannual Lute Society Seminar which takes place in June of even numbered years. The scholarship is also available to students involved in the study of vocal music of the lute and related instruments.

Money for this scholarship is donated by members of the LSA for the specific purpose of giving students an opportunity to study the instrument with the best teachers in the world and to become familiar with the society and community of enthusiastic lute players at the Summer Seminar.

The LSA Student Scholarship may be given as either a full scholarship that will pay for tuition, room and board or as a partial scholarship which will pay for tuition. The allocation of the scholarship is left to the judgment of the selection committee and depends on the number and quality of the applicants as well as the scholarship money available for any given year.

The scholarship criteria are:

* Scholarship recipient must be a member in good standing with the LSA
* Scholarship recipient must be a full-time student currently enrolled in high school, college or conservatory.
* In the case of the high school qualification, the student must be taking lessons with a qualified teacher known to the LSA.
* In the case of a college qualification, the student must be a declared music major enrolled in a course and currently taking lessons from a teacher known to the LSA.

**Application Procedure**

* Applicants must fill out the LSA Student Scholarship application form and send it to the LSA Membership Coordinator analog with supporting materials. This may be done with either paper documents or electronically.

The application must include:

* Completed application form
* Two references, (including names, addresses, and phone numbers).
* A short recording of the applicant playing
* Students under the age of eighteen must include a letter of understanding from an authorized parent or guardian.

The deadline for applications is April 20 in even numbered years when the LSA Seminar takes place.
Selection Process

Once the application is received, the LSA Membership Coordinator will distribute the information to the Scholarship Committee and this committee will make the allocation of scholarships based on the money available and quality of the applicants. The applicant will be notified of the decision by May 1.

No money will be actually given to successful applicants, but the LSA will make the payments for tuition and/or room and board to the appropriate authorities in the name of the successful applicant. Travel to and from the LSA Seminar site is not included in the scholarship and is, therefore, the responsibility of the successful applicant.