The Lute Society of America Student Scholarship

The Lute Society of America Student Scholarship Fund was established to aid deserving students in their pursuit of lute studies. This aid is made available so that students of the lute and related instruments can participate in the Lute Workshop West at the Vancouver Early Music Festival or Lute Society of America Seminar East at the Amherst Early Music Festival. There will be one scholarship awarded to each event.

The LSA will pay for the tuition for the selected students to attend the workshop. The successful applicant will be responsible for all other expenses. The awarding of the scholarships is left to the judgment of the selection committee and is based on the following criteria.

* Scholarship recipient must be a member of the LSA in good standing
* 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 currently be taking regular lessons with a qualified teacher known to the LSA.
* In the case of the college qualification, the student must be a declared music major enrolled in appropriate courses 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 along with supporting documentation. All materials must be sent to the membership coordinator as attachments to an email message. All musical samples must be provided in the form of MP3 files and may be transmitted to the membership coordinator by way of an attachment to an email message. All other supporting material must be sent in Microsoft Word 97-2003 format as attachments to an email message.

The application must include:

* Completed application form
* Two references, (including names, addresses, and phone numbers).
* A short recording of the applicant playing a solo piece or pieces on lute or vihuela, two to 10 minutes in length
* Students under the age of eighteen must include a letter of understanding from an authorized parent or guardian.

The deadline for receipt of applications is May 31, 2013.

Membership coordinator, to whom applications must be addressed, is Edward Martin: ed@gamutstrings.com
Selection Process

Once the application is received, the LSA Membership Coordinator will distribute the information to the Scholarship Committee and this committee will award the scholarships. The applicants will be notified of their decision by June 5, 2013.

No money will be given directly to successful applicants; rather, the LSA will make the payment for tuition to the appropriate authorities on behalf of the successful applicant. The LSA scholarship pays for tuition only, and the successful applicants will be responsible for all other expenses.