



IRISH DISTRICT MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2017 EMERGING ARTIST GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Irish District Music and Arts Festival will award two \$500 scholarships to two individual musicians – regardless of age – who are at an early stage of their musical development and gaining momentum. The grants will be used by the selected Emerging Artists to pursue music study or to create musical works. This grant program has been established as part of the Irish District Music and Arts Festival’s mission to support and promote music and arts in our community.

If you meet the following eligibility requirements, please complete the Grant Application, attach the requested information, and send to:

Irish District Music and Arts Festival, Inc.
Grant Selection Committee
700 Sixteenth Street NE, Suite 100
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402

To be considered for an Emerging Artist Grant, applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2017.

Grant Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be residents of the City of Cedar Rapids.
- Applicants must be Emerging Artists – individuals, regardless of age, who are at an early stage in their musical development and gaining momentum.
- Applicants must demonstrate a sincere interest in pursuing musical study or in creating musical works and be able to explain in detail how the grant will be used to further that interest.
- Applicants must demonstrate that music education or the creation of musical works will have a positive impact in their own lives and in the City of Cedar Rapids.
- Applicants must not be paid performers at IDMAF’s annual outdoor music and arts festival during the year in which the grant is to be awarded.
- Applicants must not be direct relatives of the following persons:
 - Members of the Program Selection Committee
 - Members of IDMAF’s Board of Directors
 - IDMAF’s Officers
 - Substantial Contributors to IDMAF, defined as any person who contributed or bequeathed a total amount of more than \$5000 to IDMAF

“Direct relatives” is defined for these purposes as mother, father, husband, wife, domestic partner, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or spouse of any of the foregoing.

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First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Phone Number

Please answer Questions 1-3 on separate sheets and attach them to this Application.

Question 1: Tell us about your journey as a musician. (Remember, you don't need to be a professional musician or aspire to be one to qualify for a grant.) Describe your musical education, musical projects in which you have taken part, and musical works you have created. Feel free to include links to websites or to other information about your musical work and your progress as a musician. You may also provide letters of reference from people who are familiar with your musical work and development – for example, music teachers.

Question 2: Tell us about your goals for your musical development. Why are they important to you? Explain how achieving those goals will have a positive impact on your own life and in the Cedar Rapids community.

Question 3: If you are selected to receive a \$500 Emerging Artist Grant, please describe in detail how you will use it. When relevant, list the name and contact information of music teachers with whom you wish to study, or other persons who will assist you in either furthering your musical education or creating musical works. If you intend to use the Emerging Artist Grant to create musical works, please describe the planned work in as much detail as possible.

Important – Please Read and Sign to Indicate Your Agreement

I agree that, if selected to receive an Emerging Artist Grant, I will use the grant money for the purpose of pursuing musical study or creating musical works. I further agree that I will provide a report at the conclusion of the grant year describing in detail how I used the grant funds. I understand that if I fail to provide a report demonstrating that the funds have been used for the purpose of pursuing musical study or creating musical works, that I will be required to return the grant money to the Irish District Music and Arts Festival.

Signature

Date

Further Information about the Emerging Artist Grant Program

1. Applications must be postmarked before April 15, 2017. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview with members of the Emerging Artist Grant Program Selection Committee.
3. Grants will be awarded without regard to age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socio-economic level, or educational attainment.
4. Grants will be paid in June 2017.