

*The James Foundation and Maramec Spring Park present:*

# The Adam Yount - John Hotze Memorial Music Education Awards 2024

## **Guideline and Application**

### **Our Mission**

Establish a permanent fund to support music education for area students and adults.

### **Overview**

Maramec Spring Park (MSP) and The James Foundation (TJF) operate as a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization. The Adam Yount - John Hotze Memorial Music Education Fund has been established by TJF and is being funded by donations and revenues from the Folky Fish Festival music event.

Funds may be awarded directly to students, or to service providers on behalf of the student (preferred), for expenses such as:

- Music oriented tuitions and fees
- Instrument purchase
- Music/voice lessons
- Band camp or workshops
- Luthier training
- Music production training
- Related travel expenses

Awards are currently limited to music students residing in Crawford or Phelps County, Missouri, and are being offered as follows for 2024:

- At least (2) awards of up to \$1000 for age 17-22 years old students in Crawford and Phelps County (1 award in each county)
- At least (2) awards of up to \$500 for ages 10-16 years old students in Crawford and Phelps County (1 award in each county)

## **Application Process**

Applicants should complete the attached application and sponsor referral forms and submit via email to [folkyfishfest@gmail.com](mailto:folkyfishfest@gmail.com) by 4/30/2024

- Please **do not** include any confidential personal or financial information. We will rely on your sponsors to help verify your information as needed.
- Identify an adult sponsor (over 18) who knows you and your music education goals and would be willing to complete the sponsor form on your behalf and provide contact information for any questions the selection team might have. Your sponsor might be a music instructor, band director, school teacher or counselor, or parent as appropriate.
- If the applicant is under 18 years of age, please be sure to include a parent or guardian's signature on the application.

## **Selection**

Award selection will be conducted by a small team of volunteers and will be based on the applicant's music education goals and need for financial assistance along with the applicant's own efforts to advance their goals.

## **Awards Notification and Distribution**

Awards will be announced at the Folky Fish Festival at Maramec Spring Park in St. James, Missouri, planned for May 31 - June 1, 2024. Awardees may be notified in advance of the festival and will be advised of award distribution actions at that time.

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## Award Application

### Personal Information

Name:

County of Residence:

Phelps

Crawford

(awards are currently open to Phelps and Crawford County, Missouri, residents only)

Phone number:

email:

Birthdate:

Age:

### Music Education

Past and current music education experience. Please describe your music education background and current activities. Include what you consider to be your most important (to you) music related achievements so far. What extra efforts have you made to accomplish your music education (financial, work/school time management, etc.)?

Music education goals. What are your short and long term music education goals? What impact do you expect music education to have on your life? Examples might be: a career as a music educator, to be a performance musician, an amateur luthiery hobby, or simply seeking personal music satisfaction.

Music education next steps. Please describe your immediate music education plans, funding challenges, and how a financial award could help you achieve your goals. Include specifics of how you would use the award funds and what other efforts you are taking to meet unmet financial needs.

Other Supporting Information. Please provide any other information that you believe may be relevant for the award selection. Examples might be: community service history, notable scholastic or extracurricular achievement, etc.

**Sponsor Information**

Name of your sponsor:

Relationship to sponsor:

Sponsor contact information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your sponsor willing to provide supporting information about your music education background and goals?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide your sponsor with this completed application and request their completion of the attached Sponsor Support Form to be submitted directly to [folkyfishfest@gmail.com](mailto:folkyfishfest@gmail.com).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is under the age of 18:

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Sponsor's Support Form**

**Personal Information**

Name:

Phone number:

email:

**Applicant support Information**

Relationship to applicant:

Supporting Statements. Please provide information in support of the applicant's current music education, goals, and needs based on your own knowledge of the applicant. Please include your own perspective on the applicant's music related values (determination, work ethic, etc.) and any other supporting commentary.

**Your help is greatly appreciated!**

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