



BILL WELLS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
 For Youth in Bluegrass & Traditional Music
APPLICATION FORM - 2022

Your Name	
Complete Home Address	
Phone AND Email (Your parent's is OK)	
Your School Name	
Type of School (Circle One)	High School Middle School Elementary School Home School Private School
Your Age _____	Grade You Are In _____
Acoustic String Instrument You Play (Circle or Write In)	Fiddle Guitar Banjo Bass Mandolin Ukelele Piano Other acoustic string instrument: _____
Are you a vocalist? Yes No	<u>All Applicants:</u> Would you be willing to perform at a SCBTMA event? Yes No

The SCBTMA

The S.C. Bluegrass and Traditional Music Association (SCBTMA) is in its seventh year of awarding scholarships to young musicians. Named in memory of Bill Wells, the awards encourage and honor youth as they learn to play bluegrass or other traditional American music on acoustic string instruments.

Eligibility / Requirements

- Applicants must play an acoustic string instrument and/or be a vocalist; be 6 years of age through senior in high school; and be a resident of South Carolina.
- Besides bluegrass, applicants may play styles of traditional music such as Celtic-style tunes, old time, classic country songs, gospel, folk, blues, or swing.
- Applicants must submit a video of themselves playing and/or singing. See instructions on page 2.
- Past applicants who did not receive a scholarship may reapply. Previous winners are not eligible.
- Students are to use the awards for music related activities, such as lessons, sheet music, music camps or workshops, concert tickets, instruments, repairs, strings, and other supplies.
- **Complete applications must be received by Friday, November 11, 2022.** Successful applicants will be contacted within two weeks. All applicants will be notified by the end of the month.

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Awards Will Be Presented on December 10

The scholarships will be presented on Saturday, December 10, 2022, starting at 1 p.m., at Bill's Music Shop and Pickin' Parlor in West Columbia. Please put this date on your calendar!

Bring your instrument to play for the group or to jam, if time allows. All applicants are welcome.

Amount of Scholarships

The scholarships are cash awards. Amounts will be based on the number of applications submitted, the applicants' talents and potential, and the funds the SCBTMA has available in 2022. The SCBTMA is a nonprofit organization. Donations and fundraisers make the awards possible.

Your Application Must Include the Following:

- Page 1, with all information completed in the boxes. Good contact information is important.
- A few typed paragraphs that tell us about you. Describe your musical background and activities, other interests, and your hopes or plans for the future.
- A video recording of you playing and/or singing. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.
- One or more letters of recommendation are highly recommended. A letter from your music instructor will be especially helpful to the scholarship selection committee.

Recording Your Video

- A YouTube link or cell phone clip will work.
- Be sure your video is audible and clear.
- Record one or two songs. Two will better illustrate your range of skills.
- You must state your name and the name of each song you will do.
- If others are playing along, make sure that your instrument or your voice can be clearly heard.

Submitting Your Application

Please submit all of the required items in one email. Documents must be in PDF format.

Email your application to:

BillWellsScholarship@gmail.com

Please Check for Acknowledgement

The SCBTMA will acknowledge receipt of your application by email within 48 hours. If you do not receive acknowledgement, please call the number below. Occasionally electronic glitches occur, and we want to make sure we receive your application.

Questions?

You may call (803) 237-2682 if you have a question. Be sure to mention "scholarship" if you leave a voice message. Or you may email your question to the address above.

 *Thank you for helping to carry forward traditional music in South Carolina!*