

TMP YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Tosco Music Parties, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2012 TMP Youth Scholarship to the Swannanoa Gathering at Warren Wilson College is now being offered. The scholarship will be fully funded through a partnership between Tosco Music Parties, Inc. and Warren Wilson College. The scholarship covers tuition (\$440) provided by TMP, and room and board (\$350) provided by the college, a total scholarship of \$790. **The scholarship is to be awarded to a student of acoustic music, either instrumental or vocal, who is playing at the intermediate or advanced level.** The scholarship is a one-time award for any one of the following 2012 Swannanoa Gathering Music Workshops at Warren Wilson College:

- Traditional Song Week, July 8 – 14
- Celtic Week, July 15 – 21
- Old-Time Week, July 22 – 28
- Guitar Week and Contemporary Folk Week, July 29 – August 4
- Mando/Banjo Week & Fiddle Week - Aug. 5

Transportation will be the responsibility of the student.

An applicant for the TMP Scholarship must:

- be between the ages of 12 and 21,
- be a resident of one of the following counties: Mecklenburg County, NC; Cabarrus County, NC; Gaston County, NC; Iredell County, NC; Lincoln County, NC; Union County, NC; Lancaster County, SC; or York County, SC.
- submit an application and letter telling of his/her interest in acoustic music and why s/he would like to have the scholarship,
- request his/her teacher or mentor to submit a letter of recommendation,
- submit a non-refundable fee of \$10 with the application,
- return a release form signed by a parent or guardian, giving the applicant permission and holding Tosco Music parties, Inc. blameless in the event of any liability,
- attend an interview and audition to take place at 2:30 PM on Sunday, April 18, 2010, in the Myers Park Baptist Church Education Building, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC. The applicant may have one accompanist during the audition.

Application materials are available and can be downloaded from the TMP website at www.ToscoMusicParty.org, or by contacting John Tosco at 704-563-6961 or ToscoMusic@mindspring.com. Swannanoa Gathering class schedules and other information can be found at www.swangathering.org.

Application deadline is Friday February 23, 2012. Completed applications and letters should be mailed with the \$10 fee to the following address by the February 23rd deadline: Tosco Music Parties, Inc., 4427 Eastland Court, Charlotte, NC 28212.

Auditions for the scholarship will take place and the winner will be determined on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at Myers Park Baptist Church.

The winner will receive a certificate of completion of the course on stage at Warren Wilson College in a special ceremony. First and second runners-up will receive awards valued at \$25 and \$10, respectively. In the event that the winner is unable to attend, the next runner-up will be awarded the scholarship.

The winner will be given an opportunity to perform at a Tosco Music Party some time after the Swannanoa Gathering.

Applicants will not be judged on the basis of religion, sex, ethnic background, economic status, or physical challenges.