

# Charlotte Folk Society & Tosco Music 2018 Swannanoa Gathering Scholarships

Charlotte Folk Society (CFS) and Tosco Music offer five (5) youth and two (2) adult scholarships to The Swannanoa Gathering in partnership with Warren Wilson College. The scholarships cover tuition (\$555) provided by CFS and Tosco Music, and room and board (\$435) provided by Warren Wilson College, for a total scholarship of \$990 to each recipient. Scholarship winners are responsible for their own transportation to and from Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC. Complete class schedules and other information are online: [www.swangathering.com](http://www.swangathering.com). These scholarships are a one-time award to The Swannanoa Gathering for any of the following 2018 workshops:

- Traditional Song Week, July 1 - 7
- Celtic Week, July 8 - 14
- Old-Time Week, July 15 - 21
- Contemporary Folk Week, July 22 - 28
- Guitar Week, July 22 - 28
- Fiddle Week, July 29 - August 4
- Mando/Banjo Week, July 29 - August 4

## Eligibility Criteria

- Youth Scholarship applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 21 (as of February 1, 2018)
- Adult Scholarship applicants must be 21 or older (as of February 1, 2018)
- All applicants must be a member of Charlotte Folk Society or Tosco Music
- These scholarships are awarded to students of acoustic music, either instrumental or vocal, who are performing at the intermediate or advanced level
- Charlotte Folk Society and Tosco Music staff members, members of the Board of Directors, and any immediate family members of these groups, are not eligible to receive these scholarships
- Audition judges, their students, and their immediate family members are not eligible to receive these scholarships
- Applications are accepted and auditions and interviews are conducted without regard to religion, sex, ethnic background, economic status, or physical challenges

## Application Process

- Obtain application materials online from CFS ([www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)), Tosco Music ([www.toscomusic.org](http://www.toscomusic.org)), or by contacting Mark Clemens at 704-345-2634 or [mgclemen@uncc.edu](mailto:mgclemen@uncc.edu)
- Write a letter describing your interest in acoustic music, reasons why you would like to receive the scholarship, and ways you hope to benefit from attending The Swannanoa Gathering; supporting materials are accepted but not required (examples: letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor, brief history of music involvement, etc.)
- Pay a non-refundable application fee of \$10 before the application deadline (by mail or online as noted below)
- Complete the liability release form (signature of a parent or guardian is required for applicants younger than age 18 to indicate permission and release of liability)
- **Submit completed application materials no later than Monday, February 12, 2018;** applicants will receive confirmation by email once a completed application is received
  - Preferably, email to [mgclemen@uncc.edu](mailto:mgclemen@uncc.edu) and pay the application fee online at [www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)
  - If email is not an option, mail completed application materials and application fee to:  
Charlotte Folk Society c/o Mark Clemens, 20521 Bethelwood Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031
  - applications received after Monday, February 12, 2018 will not be accepted
- **Attend an in-person audition and interview to take place at 2:30 PM on Sunday, February 18, 2018**
  - Location: Myers Park Baptist Church Education Building, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC
  - No exceptions are made to the time and place of auditions and interviews
  - Each audition is limited to 5 minutes and may include 1 or 2 songs
  - Applicants may bring one accompanist to join them during their audition

**Scholarship winners** are announced at the conclusion of auditions. Both youth and adult first and second runners-up receive cash awards (\$50 and \$25 respectively). In the event that a winner becomes unable to attend, the first runner-up will receive the scholarship. Scholarship winners may be given an opportunity to perform for Charlotte Folk Society and/or at a Tosco Music Party following their participation in The Swannanoa Gathering.

