



President's Bursary Award Award Guidelines and Application Process

THE PRESIDENT'S BURSARY AWARD was established in 2012 to assist deserving and talented young guitarists in the GTA to further their development as musicians.

The award was developed at the suggestion of Eli Kassner, with initial funding from then-president Harold Levy, and is supported through the ongoing generosity of Guitar Society donors.

Award Criteria (revised July 2018)

Who is eligible

The President's Bursary Award is intended to assist talented young classical guitarists who are aiming toward careers in music.

To be eligible, applicants should be either enrolled in a post-secondary course of study in guitar or guitar pedagogy in the GTA, or preparing to attend such a program within the next year. Past winners may not apply the year following receipt of their award, but may apply again in subsequent years. Past winners should be aware that priority will be given to candidates who have not previously received an award.

To be eligible, candidates must also have:

- resided in the GTA for at least two years, OR
- been employed in the GTA for at least two years; OR
- been enrolled in a music school or studying with a music teacher in the GTA for at least two years.

How to apply

Application must include the following:

- Completed application form (available on the Guitar Society of Toronto website)
- A letter of recommendation from someone qualified to assess and comment on why you are a suitable candidate for this award and how you would benefit from it.
- A resume of your musical training, education and career to date.
- A recent audio or video recording of your playing: two contrasting works by different composers. Total length of recording not to exceed 15 minutes.

You can apply online, by emailing your application to info@guitarsocietyoftoronto.com
Or you can mail a hard copy to

Guitar Society of Toronto – President’s Bursary Award
c/o Adrian Mann
148 Soudan Avenue, Apt. 402
Toronto, ON M4S 1V9

Deadline to apply

November 1

Award

One award of \$1,000 will be given out each year. Awards will not be split among candidates.

In extraordinary circumstances, the jury may at its discretion decide not to give out any awards, or more than one award, in any given year.

The winner will be invited to perform a concert of approximately 20 minutes in length at the Toronto Guitar Weekend, April 26-28, 2019. Candidates who are focused on guitar pedagogy may choose to give a short demonstration or presentation instead of a concert.

The winner will be announced at the January 19, 2019 concert.

Other information

Winners are chosen by the President’s Bursary Award Committee. If you have any questions about the award, please email info@guitarsocietyoftoronto.com



President's Bursary Award Application Form

Name:

Address:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Email:

If you have **previously received** a bursary from the Guitar Society of Toronto President's Award, please indicate the date:

Residence Criteria

Please mark (x) the most appropriate statement(s):

a) ___ I have been a resident of Toronto for a minimum of two (2) years prior to this application.

b) ___ I have been employed in Toronto for a minimum of two (2) years prior to this application through the following employers:

c) ___ I am currently an enrolled student in Toronto and have been for a minimum of two (2) years prior to this application:

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Your project

Please mark (x) the appropriate statement(s):

I am requesting assistance with the following:

Training/education ___

1st recording ___

Resources ___

Workshop/seminar ___

Competition ___

Other, specify ___

Please answer questions in the space provided or attach separate pages, if required.

a) Please provide a description of the program/project for which you are requesting assistance including relevant dates, locations, and participation level:

b) How will this project further develop your talent/skills as an artist?

c) How will the President's Bursary Award receive recognition?

Expenses

List all expenses related to the program/project (attach additional paperwork if needed):

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|-------|----------|
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ |

AMOUNT OF REQUEST \$ _____

Additional materials

Please include the following materials with your application

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I understand that the President’s Bursary Award Committee may publicize my name and photograph in promotion of the fund.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Office use only

Date application received: _____

Committee Decision: Approved Amount \$ _____ Date of Approval: _____

Comments: