



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 for 2019-20)

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, you should be either enrolled in a recognized post-secondary course of study in guitar or guitar pedagogy in the GTA, or preparing to attend such a program within the next year. Students **up to and including** the Master's level are eligible to apply.

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, you must:

- Reside in the GTA; OR
- Be employed in the GTA; OR
- Be enrolled in a recognized school or studying with a recognized teacher in the GTA.

How to apply

Your 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

January 15

Award

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

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

The winner will be invited to perform a concert of approximately 15-20 minutes in length at the Toronto Guitar Weekend in April. 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 in March..

Other information

Applications are reviewed by assessors selected by the Guitar Society of Toronto. If you have any questions about applying for 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 am a resident of the Greater Toronto Area
- b) ___ I am employed in the Greater Toronto Area
- c) ___ I am currently an enrolled student in the Greater Toronto Area :

Name of School or Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Your application:

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 award further develop your talent/skills as an artist?

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

Expenses

List all expenses related to your application (attach additional paperwork if needed):

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
	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: