

The Black Rose Acoustic Society Scholarship for Traditional Music Education for 2011

The Black Rose Acoustic Society (BRAS) is a non-profit organization in Colorado Springs that promotes the performance and enjoyment of acoustic music in the Pikes Peak Region. In 2011 the Black Rose Acoustic Society will again award scholarships to Colorado residents who wish to study voice or take instruction on a traditional musical instrument.

The Scholarships for Musical Instruction Youth, ages 10-17 Adult, ages 18 and over

An award for Musical Instruction will be made to **El Paso County** (and adjacent counties) **Youths** and/or **Adults** who wish to study voice or take music lessons on a traditional acoustic instrument such as guitar, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, stand-up bass or accordion.

Stipulations: 1. Applications are open to Colorado residents currently living in El Paso and adjacent counties. 2. Scholarship money will be released to the music instructor. 3. Previous applicants may apply, however, last year's scholarship recipient may not apply.

Application Procedure :

1. Determine a course of study with a teacher of your chosen instrument or your preference for a Black Rose Group Class.
2. Answer the following three questions describing your planned course of study. Please type your answers. (double-spaced):
 - I Explain how your course of study will enhance your appreciation and performance of traditional acoustic music. (one paragraph)
 - II Describe your musical history and reasons for your choice of this instrument. (one paragraph)
 - III Tell how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. (one paragraph)
3. Complete an application form. You can pick up an application at all BRAS Open Stage performances or contact Mr. Steve Schwartz (719) 635-8486 or e mail zenson1@msn.com to have a copy sent to you.
4. Sign the affidavit stating that you are a resident of El Paso or an adjacent county.
5. Sign applicant's agreement.
6. Complete your application and mail it to: Mr. Steve Schwartz 746 West Buena Ventura Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. **Signed** applications may also be e mailed to him in a PDF or JPG format to zenson1@msn.com Applications must be postmarked or e mailed by **midnight September 14th, 2011**

Scholarship Recipients will be selected by a committee of Black Rose Acoustic Society Members. Applicants will be judged on 1) the merit of the course of study planned 2) the desire to enhance appreciation and performance of acoustic music and 3) applicant's reasons for studying this instrument.

The Black Rose Acoustic Society Application Form

Note: you are e applying for all available BRAS scholarships on this form. Please do not apply if you received a scholarship in the previous year.

Youth (age 10-17) _____ Adult (age 18 and over) _____

1. Name _____
First Middle Last

2. Address _____
Street Number Street Name Apt. Number

_____ City State Zip Code

3. Telephone Number: home (_____) _____ work (_____) _____

4. Date of Birth _____

5. Yes, I am a current resident of El Paso or an adjacent county. (please sign) _____

6. Do you now play any musical instruments? Have you had formal lessons? How long?

Instrument	Lessons?	How long?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. On which instrument do you wish to take instruction? _____

8. Name and phone number of teacher with whom you plan to study. _____

Notice to Applicants: You have many choices when using the BRAS scholarship and we want you to have the best possible experience with your lessons. You may select a private teacher or engage in group lessons through BRAS or another organization. The scholarship money will be sent directly to the teacher of your choice. Your success is largely dependant on your interaction with your teacher. It is very important for you to talk with your teacher personally and outline a course of study that is compatible with your goals. BRAS releases the scholarship money to the teacher you have selected. You may not switch teachers after the lessons have begun. We therefore urge you to select your teacher carefully. **Scholarship Applicant's agreement: I understand that once the scholarship money has been designated for a teacher I am obliged to stay with that teacher or I shall forfeit the remainder of the scholarship money.**

Applicant's signature.

Date

***Remember to include all application requirements as outlined in the application procedure.**