



The Wilbur Ade Memorial Scholarship

The Wilbur Ade Memorial Scholarship is designed to raise the level of traditional musical attainment of Indiana youth and contribute to keeping the traditional musical forms of Indiana alive and vibrant. The scholarship is awarded to Indiana youth to help cover expenses for attendance at fiddle or other traditional music camps.

Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering, Inc.

Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering, Inc. administers the Wilbur Ade Scholarship. Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering, Inc., is a registered, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the traditional music and storytelling of Indiana and the Midwest.

Wilbur Ade

Wilbur Ade was born in Tippecanoe County, IN in 1913 and moved early on with his family to a farm near Brookston, IN. He farmed for 63 years until his death in 1992. His passions were family, farming, raising hunting dogs, fishing, and music. When Wilbur was about fourteen years old, he traded his bicycle for a guitar. He was friends with the Barrett boys who lived nearby and took guitar lessons from their mother. As a young man, Wilbur enjoyed playing for local square dances. The neighbors would gather at a friend's house for a carry-in supper, then clear the furniture out of the parlor and have a square dance.

When the Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering began, Wilbur enjoyed playing in the jam sessions on the grounds. Early on, he never missed a festival, and would attend every day possible.

Wilbur spent many wonderful years at the Fiddlers' Gatherings, and his family wanted to honor his memory and love of music by establishing The Wilbur Ade Memorial Scholarship to encourage young musicians.

Eligibility

Recipients must be Indiana residents aged 8-18 years.

Criteria for Selection

Applicants will be judged on individual ability and style, taking into consideration their age and potential for growth. Applications may include recommendations from music instructors – have them sent directly to ifg@indianafiddlersgathering.org.

Application process

Parents or guardians may assist younger applicants in completing the application, however we appreciate hearing from applicants in their own words. Please make every effort to convey their answers clearly but honestly.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed by the IFG's Education Committee. Please note that it can take up to 60 days to review an application and provide a decision, so apply in adequate time for us to make a decision and you to register. Send the completed form to ifg@indianafiddlersgathering.org with "Ade Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

Questions? Email us at ifg@indianafiddlersgathering.org

WILBUR ADE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____)-_____

Email: _____

Indiana resident? Y___ N___ County of residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Address (if different than above):

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____)-_____

Email: _____

2. Performance demo: Please provide a link to an audio or video file with your application. Include enough to be a good representation of your abilities. Please indicate if you read music or instead learn from others or through recordings.

3. Name of camp and dates you would like to attend. Please include a web address or link to information about the camp if possible.

4. Background: Tell us about yourself, including how long you have been playing traditional music and your instrument.

5. Essay (100-250 words)

Please address the following:

- Why do you want the scholarship?
- How would you benefit from the scholarship?
- Why is traditional music important to you?