

# The Lute Society of America

Summer Festival Scholarship Award

**Deadline: May 13, 2019**

- LSA scholarships include full tuition, room and board and some travel costs.
- General scholarships are open to all players aged 35 and under.
- Scholarship applicants must be members in good standing of the LSA.
- Students under the age of eighteen must include a letter of understanding from an authorized parent or guardian.

The performance portion of the application must be done on lute or other fretted historical plucked string instrument (see instructions below). The application consists of the application form, the essay and the recording:

## **1) The Essay**

Include an essay describing your past experience on lute and in early music. Please include the following points:

- A) How long you have been playing (lute and/or any other historical or modern instruments)
- B) Your teachers' name(s) and how long you have studied with them
- C) Repertoire interests
- D) Ensemble experience
- E) Future plans with the lute

Feel free to add any other information that will help the scholarship committee form a more complete picture of your skills and learning potential.

## **2) The Recording**

Include a live, unedited video recordings of two contrasting pieces. The performances may be done on lute or another historical plucked instrument, such as theorbo, cittern, baroque guitar or 19th century guitar.

The videos must be recorded live, with a single camera. Neither high production value nor a sophisticated microphone set up or other audio processing is necessary. Raw video taken on a smart phone or laptop camera is acceptable, if not preferred. The committee is interested in hearing and seeing your playing in a way that most accurately reflects your natural performing style. The primary evaluation criteria will be in the areas of technical proficiency, musicality, and demonstrated familiarity with historical performance practice style as applicable to the particular piece being performed.

Please upload the files to YouTube and set to "unlisted" with comments disabled.

Scholarship recipients will be announced on May 30, 2019.

Send your essay as a Word or pdf file and the links to your video performances to scholarship committee c/o LSA Administrator Nancy Carlin at [lsaq.editor@gmail.com](mailto:lsaq.editor@gmail.com). Thank you!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Course major \_\_\_\_\_

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