Grant Opportunities

About the Grants

The Lute Society of America (LSA) is pleased to offer grant opportunities up to $1,000 to individuals and organizations for a wide range of projects and educational endeavors. Whether it is a scholarly research project related to early plucked instruments, lute lessons for a new player with financial limitations, or a university seeking instruments to rent for their students, these grants will provide much needed support. The Lute Society of America is excited to provide funding to projects that inspire through research and performance and build inclusive musical communities.

Note: If this project is for a Local Chapter proposal, please submit grant requests to the Local Chapter Shepherd instead of through this form.

Applications are open to current members of the Lute Society of America. If you are not a current member of the Lute Society of America and would like to apply, you can **sign up for membership here**.

Decisions will be made by committee and will be final.

If you need help with ideas, here are some suggestions:

- Research projects related to early plucked stringed instruments
- A grant for lute lessons for new players, or Lute rental assistance for those with financial limitations
- A lute rental sponsorship for a university, a free lute rental
- Present a workshop or masterclass (for educational purposes) either by applicant or outside expert
- Funding for a LSA local chapter lead play-in, concert, or event
- Funding for project based performances

If you have other ideas, please do not hesitate to apply. We want to hear them!

Application Overview

The following details will be requested during the grant application process:

- Your contact information, including name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.
- Several brief essays to help us understand your project. The questions for each essay are provided in the sections below. We allow a maximum of 5000 characters per essay,

which is about 700 words or one page of single spaced text. We recommend writing the essays in a local word editor or cloud service before adding to the application form to ensure your work is not lost due to browser issues.

About you

You will be asked to tell us about yourself, your project/idea, and why you are seeking a grant from the LSA. You will also be asked to confirm if you are applying for this grant as an individual, or as an organization.

About your project

You will be asked to describe how this project supports the Lute Society of America's mission. In addition to your general response, you will be asked to elaborate on at least one of the following points:

- Promotes historical plucked strings in the 21st century
- Builds inclusive musical communities
- Inspires through research and performance

You will also be asked to discuss the source of inspiration for this project/grant proposal.

You will be asked to discuss the positive impact(s) this project will have on your community or intended audience.

Project Budget & Timeframe

You will be asked if your application is supplementing any other funding you have received for this project.

Project Timeframe

You will be asked to specify the start and end dates of the project. For example, January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Other details

A field will be provided if you would like to share any other details or information about your project.

Supporting Documentation

You will be asked to attach an outlined budget document for your project, including how you intend to make use of the grant. Please use .pdf, .doc or .docx file formats.

You will be asked to attach a 1 page Curriculum Vitae (CV) including experience relevant to your project. Please use .pdf, .doc or .docx file formats.

Follow-up Report

You will be asked to agree to submitting a brief report within the one month of the completion of your project as the last step of your application.
