



## Grand Master Fiddler Championship Inc.™

A Tennessee non-profit and U.S. IRS  
501(c)(3) charitable corporation, formed to  
educate about and perpetuate fiddling as an  
art form and cultural treasure

### **Matthew Thomas Lin Memorial Scholarship Applications are now being accepted.**

*This Year's Recipient Will be Announced Labor Day Weekend 2023 During the Grand Master Fiddle Championship Contest*

**Nashville, Tennessee** – In honor of Matthew Lin, our 2014 GMFC Youth Champion who we lost in December 2020, the Grand Master Fiddler Championship, Inc. is now accepting Applications through August 9, 2023 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Matthew Thomas Lin Memorial Scholarship. In summary, the intent of the scholarship is to encourage music education and will be awarded annually during the Grand Master Fiddler Championship competition. As context for the scholarship from the “Overview and Information” background (link below), it is a memorial for Matthew Lin who – in addition to being the 2014 GMFC Youth Champion – “...was extremely bright, ambitious, and compassionate. He was an accomplished musician and athlete with a passion for community service. Having earned his Eagle Scout Rank, he continued as an Assistant Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 41 in Lexington, Kentucky. Matthew also served his community as a volunteer mentor for aspiring young musicians. At the University of Kentucky, Matthew continued his service and leadership as a Peer Mentor in the Engineering Living Learning Program, a Peer Instructor, and K Crew Leader.”

In tribute to such an accomplished young man, the Grand Master Fiddler Championship as an organization is privileged to be working closely with the Lin family and the fiddle community to coordinate this scholarship process: the structuring, selection, and awarding of Matthew's Memorial Scholarship. As noted above, applications are being accepted now through August 9, 2023. Decisions will be made by a reviewing committee. The winner will be announced at the Grand Master Fiddler Championship during the competition Labor Day Weekend 2023. The scholarship award is \$1,000.

Details for scholarship information, desired applicant attributes, and forms/instructions are outlined and attached at the web link <https://www.grandmasterfiddler.com/education-programs/lin-scholarship/>.

Last year's recipients were Katie Christensen and Miriam Condreanu.

### **About the Grand Master Fiddler Championship**

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