



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 during the Grand Master Fiddler Championship held at McAfee Concert Hall on the campus of Belmont University.

Nashville, Tennessee – In honor of Matthew, our 2014 GMFC Youth Champion who we heartbreakingly lost last year, the Grand Master Fiddler Championship, Inc. is now accepting Applications through August 16, 2024 for the 4th Annual Matthew Thomas Lin Memorial Scholarship. In summary, the intent of the scholarship is to encourage music education, and it will be awarded annually at the Grand Master Fiddler Championship competition in Nashville.

As context for the scholarship from the “Overview and Information” backgrounder (hyperlink below), it is a memorial for Matthew 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 a 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 16, 2024*; decisions will be made by a reviewing committee on August 23, and the winner will be announced at the Grand Master Fiddler Championship during the competition on Labor Day Weekend in the amount of \$1,000. Details for scholarship information, desired applicant attributes, and forms/instructions are outlined at:

<https://www.grandmasterfiddler.com/education-programs/lin-scholarship/>

Last year's recipients were Kaitlin Nejely and Lucy Crary.

About the Grand Master Fiddler Championship

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