



GUIDELINES
Charlotte Folk Society
2025 Swannanoa Gathering Scholarships

Charlotte Folk Society offers three (3) scholarships to The Swannanoa Gathering in partnership with Warren Wilson College. The scholarships cover tuition and room and board for approximate market value of \$1,225. Scholarship winners are responsible for their own transportation to and from Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC. Complete class schedules and other information are online: www.swangathering.com. These scholarships are a one-time award to The Swannanoa Gathering for any of the following 2025 workshops:

- ◆ Mando/Banjo Week
- ◆ Fiddle Week
- ◆ Traditional Song Week
- ◆ Celtic Week
- ◆ Old Time Week
- ◆ Contemporary Folk Week
- ◆ Guitar Week

Eligibility Criteria

- All applicants must be a current member of Charlotte Folk Society
- Reside in the following NC or SC counties: Cabarrus, Catawba, Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union, York, Lancaster
- These scholarships are a one-time award to students of acoustic music, either instrumental or vocal, who are performing at the intermediate or advance level. **Previous youth winners are eligible again after the age of 21.**
- Charlotte Folk Society staff members, members of the Board of Directors, and any immediate family members of these groups are not eligible to receive these scholarships
- Audition judges, their students, and their immediate family members are not eligible to receive these scholarships
- Applications are accepted and auditions and interviews are conducted without regard to religion, sex, ethnic background, economic status, or physical challenges

Application Process

- Apply online at www.folksociety.org/learn/scholarships/
- Write a letter describing your interest in acoustic music, reasons why you would like to receive the scholarship, and ways you hope to benefit from attending The Swannanoa Gathering. Supporting materials are accepted, but not required (i.e., letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor, brief history of music involvement, etc.)
- Complete the liability release form (signature of parent or guardian is required for applicants younger than 18 to indicate permission and release of liability)
- **Submit completed application materials no later than January 19, 2025.** Applicants will receive confirmation by email once a completed application is received. Applications received after January 19, 2025 will not be accepted.
- Attend an audition and interview on Sunday, January 26, 2025
 - Assigned audition times will begin at 2:00pm. Applicants will be emailed their assigned time.
 - Location: St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 E. 7th St, Charlotte, NC 28204
 - No exceptions are made to the time and place of auditions and interviews
 - Each audition is limited to 5 minutes and may include 1 or 2 songs
 - Applicants may have one accompanist join them during their audition

Scholarship winners will be announced at the conclusion of the auditions. Scholarship winners may be given an opportunity to perform for Charlotte Folk Society following their participation in The Swannanoa Gathering.