

Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School Scholarship Program 2012

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to consider your application for tuition assistance to the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School. Scholarships are usually awarded at the \$100-500 level with occasional 'special scholarships' for more. Please read and follow all instructions carefully. The criteria on which awards are based include financial need, promise, and demonstrated interest. Travel expenses are taken into consideration. (Please note that acceptance of scholarship assistance to Sierra Camp excludes you from receiving scholarship support in the same year at VOM). Only persons accepted to camp will be considered for scholarships.

Please be aware that scholarship recipients are encouraged (though not required) to play a tune or set of tunes for the assembled camp (usually at lunch or dinner) over the course of the week. You can choose to play solo or in combination with other scholarship students, camp members, or instructors. In addition, scholarship recipients may meet together periodically during the week to plan events and assist with various camp needs.

Instructions:

- 1) **Please complete this application, USING YOUR COMPUTER OR A PEN WITH BLACK INK, and submit by March 15th** to: VOM Scholarship Committee, c/o Pate and Judy Thomson, 647 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley CA 94708. Please do not send this form with your VOM camp application. It needs to be sent to Pate and Judy Thomson. We regret that applications received after May 1st cannot be considered. *Required for all applicants. Please note that applications to Alasdair Fraser's Sierra Camp are sent to AFSFC Scholarship Committee, PO Box 219, Nevada City, CA 95959*

- 2) Please complete this application form **on your own**. If you are under 18, we recognize that you may wish your family to help you with questions 1 through 5, but please **answer questions 6 and 7 yourself**. *Required for all applicants 8 and older.*

- 3) Please fill in your name (two places) on the attached teacher recommendation form, and ask your teacher (or someone who knows your playing well) to complete, sign, and return it directly to us so that it reaches us by March 15. *Required for all applicants under 18, optional for applicants 18 and over.*

- 4) Please fill in your name in the upper left hand corner of the application form and on any attachments. *Required for all applicants.*

- 5) Be sure to include your contact information including phone, address and e-mail address.

Applicant _____

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Application Form:

If you do not fill out the form on your computer, **please use black ink to fill it out; do not use pencil.** If you need more space, please attach additional sheets (with your name in the upper right hand corner of each attachment). Please do not write on the back side of the application.

1. Personal information:

Name _____ Age _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

email address _____

I am applying to AFSFC _____ VOM _____ Both camps _____ I prefer to attend _____

2. Number of family members attending AFSFC or VOM this year not including yourself _____
3. Have you applied for tuition assistance for AFSFC or VOM from any other organization? _____ (If yes, please attach a list of organizations and contacts for each one including address and phone).
4. How much assistance are you requesting to attend camp? US\$ _____
5. Please list your reasons for requesting financial aid.

6. Why do you want to attend camp? What would you like to learn at camp? *If you are 8 or older, please answer this yourself.* If you are filling out this form on the computer, please write the answers to this item and the following one by hand **in black ink**.

7. Please describe your background or involvement with music, particularly in violin and Scottish traditional music. *If you are 8 or older, please answer this yourself.*

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Teacher Recommendation Form:

Dear Music Teacher,

_____ has applied for scholarship assistance to the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School this summer. Please describe your assessment of his/her ability and potential on fiddle/violin (or other instrument), and also comment on the motivation and demonstrated interest and any notable musical achievements. Please include any other information that you might consider relevant to making financial decisions. The criteria on which awards are based include financial need, demonstrated interest and musical promise. Thank you for your time and assistance in evaluating this applicant.

Your candid appraisal will weigh heavily in our decision. Please sign and print your name below and mail your recommendation directly to Pate and Judy Thomson, 647 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708 so that it arrives by March 15th.

Please provide your assessment of the applicant's musical accomplishment by selecting a number from 1 (very limited) to 5 (extremely accomplished) _____ .

Please provide your assessment of the applicant's financial need by selecting a number from 1 (requires little financial assistance) to 5 (requires considerable financial assistance) _____ .

Please provide your assessment of the applicant's interest in traditional music by selecting a number from 1 (shows little interest) to 5 (shows great interest) _____ .

Please provide your assessment of the applicant's motivation by selecting a number from 1 (shows little motivation)) _____ . to 5 (extremely motivated

Signed _____

Print _____