

SPAH Youth Scholarship Application

to attend the 2020 SPAH Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, August 11-15, 2020

Attention young harmonica players. SPAH (the Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica) needs you! The SPAH Youth Committee will make several awards to suitable applicants to attend the 2020 SPAH convention in St. Louis, Missouri. SPAH may be able to offer assistance with travel costs, based on available budget and need. Awards for each recipient include:

- Hotel room & tax at the SPAH Convention hotel for the nights of Tuesday, August 11, through Saturday, August 15, departing Sunday the 16th.
- Full Convention registration *including the Saturday banquet*.
- Registration and banquet ticket for one parent or guardian to assist in chaperoning and other duties.
- Complementary SPAH membership from August 2020 through December 2021, including the Harmonica Happenings quarterly magazine.

The Committee seeks applicants who either have *experience in performance*, or can clearly demonstrate *the promise of accomplishment* in playing their chosen type(s) of harmonica.

Applicants must be 21 years old or younger. Each award recipient will be offered the opportunity to perform at least once at the SPAH Convention and will be expected to contribute time supporting youth programs at the Convention, primarily selling raffle tickets after youth shows, at the Saturday night banquet, and at the Youth Scholarship table where you can talk with other harmonica players and SPAH members. Priority will be given to applicants who have not been selected previously.

If you're interested in applying, please write short paragraph essay answers to the following questions and then submit a sample of your playing with your application via CD (address available on request), an MP3, a sharing website (e.g., YouTube), or playing live for the selection committee on a video call (e.g., Skype) or on the telephone. Applications may be submitted by email to scholarship@spah.org

Applications for the SPAH Youth Scholarship (including the sample of the applicant's harmonica playing) **must be received by May 15, 2020**. Recipients of the SPAH Youth Scholarship for the 2020 SPAH Convention will be selected by the SPAH Youth Support Committee and notified by **June 1**. We encourage all to apply and know that attending a SPAH convention is an experience worth seeking.

Please provide answers to the following questions:

Name:			Age:	
Address:	City	State	Zip	
Telephone:	Email:			
Preferred method of contact: Phone [] Email [] Telephone [] Postal mail []				

1. How long have you been playing the harmonica?
2. When and how did you first become interested in the harmonica?
3. What are your principal hopes and dreams in making music with the harmonica?
4. Are you self-taught or do you have a teacher? If you are currently studying with a teacher, can we contact him/her for a recommendation? If so, please provide a phone number and the best time to reach him/her.
5. Have you been to a SPAH convention before? If so, in what year? What was the experience like for you?
6. Why would you be a good recipient of the SPAH Youth Scholarship?
7. What would you like to get out of the SPAH Convention?
8. How did you find out about this scholarship?