Washington Area Folk Harp Society

Lever Harp Music Scholarship

Application Postmark/Email Deadline: September 30, 2026

The W.A.F.H.S. harp scholarship program began in the spring of 2004 and continues into the current year. There is one W.A.F.H.S. Lever Harp Music Scholarships available for members of W.A.F.H.S. Any member of W.A.F.H.S. (age 14 or older anytime during the 2026 calendar year) who applies will be considered for one of these scholarship. One major scholarship in the amount of $500 will be awarded annually with a check made payable to the selected applicant. An individual may only receive one scholarship in a calendar year. He/She may be awarded a second consecutive scholarship in a following year if they reapply and their application is selected to receive the scholarship. No scholarship will be awarded to any individual for a third year. Current officers and board members of W.A.F.H.S. are not eligible to apply.

The scholarship was named in memoriam for Faye H. Parker and Mary Jane Edwards. For the major scholarship a variety of criteria will be considered, including: (1) a written recommendation of a current or former teacher (preferably harp/music) or other adult mentor (not related to the applicant); **and** (2) a completed Applicant Information form. The Teacher/Mentor reference should have knowledge of the applicant's ability and desire to further their musical performance and/or the repertoire of the lever harp. Financial need of the applicant may also be included in the applicant's narrative and will be considered by the evaluators.

Do I Qualify? Application Checklist for the $500 Major Scholarship:

- I will be Age 14 or older within the 2026 calendar year;
- I am a current member of WAFHS **and** was also a paid member in the previous WAFHS membership year;
- I can obtain a signed Teacher/Mentor Recommendation Form;
- I can complete and sign the Applicant Information Form.

All application materials should be postmarked or emailed no later than September 30, 2026 and emailed or mailed to the appropriate address below. (If you provide an email address, you will receive a confirmation notice that your application has been received). Applications may be evaluated by an independent panel or the scholarship committee. Winner will be notified no later than October 10, 2026. The W.A.F.H.S. does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or associational preference. The W.A.F.H.S. organization reserves the right to not award the scholarship if the quality of applications is not deemed sufficient to make the awards. Thank you for your interest in the W.A.F.H.S. lever harp scholarship program.

W.A.F.H.S. Scholarship Committee
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Applicant Information Form

Applicant Name:	Date:
Street Address:	Email:
City/State/Zip:	Contact Phone:
Date of Birth (required for applicants younger than 19):	Are you now or will you be at least 14 years old during 2020?
How long have you played harp?	Teachers you have studied with:

Applicant Essay: (1) Briefly explain your plans for using the scholarship money. (2) List examples of how you bring the harp to your community. (3-optional) A description of any financial need may also be included. (One additional page may be submitted for the Applicant Essay).

Agreement for applicants of the W.A.F.H.S. scholarship:
I understand that I will be expected to use this scholarship award to further my study and interest in performance, arranging and/or composition of lever harp music. I will write a short article (within 12 months) to be published in the W.A.F.H.S. newsletter which describes how I benefited from receiving this award (if requested by the W.A.F.H.S. newsletter editor).

Applicant Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

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Teacher/Mentor Recommendation Form

Teacher/Mentor Name:_____
Phone:_____
Email:

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Teacher Recommendation: Briefly describe accomplishments/attributes/needs of the student that you feel make the student a candidate for this harp scholarship.

Signed:_____ **Date:** _____