

SEAN KELLY MEMORIAL BURSARY

With amendments of January 2, 2026

The Late Sean Kelly was one of the founding members of The Muskoka Men of Song. His dedication and love of music are among the qualities that we wish to support in talented young musicians of Muskoka.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To financially assist musically talented young individuals in their efforts to attain their goals in advanced musical endeavours.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

1. The applicant must be 18 years of age or younger, a resident of Muskoka, and has had at least two years of study in formal music instruction with a qualified instructor.
2. All proceeds from a successful application must be for the benefit of the individual applicant only and the applicant must demonstrate a desire to pursue advanced training/education in music.
3. The applicant must aspire to be involved in musical performance within the community.
4. The money from the bursary must be used to assist in obtaining instruction beyond that available in school courses.
5. An applicant's instructor must provide a written, confidential recommendation in support of the applicant's request, including an expression of the applicant's ability in their chosen field.

APPLICATIONS:-The annual awards approved will be based upon the value of the bursary fund in the given year and the relative merits of the applicant.

-The amount of the award is at the discretion of The Muskoka Men of Song Bursary Committee.

-Applicants may apply in successive years providing they remain in compliance with the criteria.

-In the interest of making our bursary support as widely available as possible within budget limitations, the number of Bursaries awarded within an individual family/household may be limited to two awards.

The applicant can complete Pages 1 and 2 and forward it to: The Muskoka Men of Song c/o Robert Joynt 41 Hillcrest Ave., Bracebridge, On P1L 1M2 or as directed in <http://www.muskokamenofsong.ca>

Applications must be received by the committee by April 15 of the bursary year

WHILE ALL INFORMATION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, THE MUSKOKA MEN OF SONG RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCLUDE THE NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUCCESSFUL BURSARY APPLICANTS AND THEIR INSTRUCTORS IN CONCERT PROGRAMS, PROMOTIONS AND ON THE MUSKOKA MEN OF SONG WEBSITE.

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THE MUSKOKA MEN OF SONG

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. Purpose:

The applicant must understand that our bursary is intended to assist qualifying individuals who may have difficulty pursuing their study of music without our support.

2. Criteria:

Read the criteria for application carefully and note the bold print in each so that you may understand our determination to help those who need our assistance.

3. Contact Information:

Make sure your contact information is accurate and complete so that the committee can get in touch with you if we need to discuss some aspect of your application. In order to establish a more personal relationship between the choir and student, it is preferred, that the application be completed by the applicant personally, with guidance from a parent/guardian if necessary.

4. Desired Training:

Be as specific as you can when answering the instructor and music program questions. This information may be used by the Committee to evaluate its appropriateness taking into consideration your objectives and future music studies.

5. Community Performance:

While we value highly our program of assisting students of music through the proceeds of our concerts, The Muskoka Men of Song perform for their own pleasure and endeavour to instill those values in those we assist through our bursary program. In this way it is our hope to build appreciation of music in our community. Please assure us in the last paragraph of the application that you share and support us in this regard.

6. Finally:

A recommendation from your music instructor **is required** for a successful application. The Committee has to be assured that you are sincere and dedicated in your music studies. These attributes are important to us.

-Bursary applications are also available on-line at- <http://www.muskokamenofsong.ca>

-Please take note of the deadline for filing applications with the Committee.

Robert Joynt

Chairman, Sean Kelly Bursary Committee

The Muskoka Men of Song.

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The Muskoka Men of Song – Sean Kelly Bursary Application

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Please print clearly

APPLICANT NAME: _____ **AGE** _____ **GRADE** _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ **PHONE#** _____ **Text?** _____ **EMAIL** _____

DESIRED SCHOOL/INSTITUTION/TEACHER

DESIRED COURSE/PROGRAM _____

LENGTH OF PROGRAM _____

HOW WILL THESE CHOICES BENEFIT YOUR PRESENT AND FUTURE MUSICAL DEVELOPMENT?

APPROXIMATE COST OF TRAINING PER YEAR _____

PRESENT METHOD OF FINANCING THIS COST _____

WHAT OTHER FUNDING SOURCES HAVE YOU PURSUED? _____

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, DESCRIBE HOW THE BURSARY FUNDS WILL BE USED (FOR EXAMPLE, INSTRUCTION FEES, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.) _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR PAST INVOLVEMENT IN MUSICAL PERFORMANCE(S) IN THE COMMUNITY, IF ANY, AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE WITH US IN OUR FUTURE CONCERTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU REQUIRE THE MUSKOKA MEN OF SONG PIANIST TO ACCOMPANY YOU WHEN YOU PERFORM AT OUR CONCERT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PROVIDE US WITH THE SCORE FOR THE CHOSEN PIECE IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING ADVISED OF THE SUCCESS OF YOUR APPLICATION.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Minor (Child) Photo Release Form

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of
_____ [Child] grant The Muskoka Men of Song to use the
photographs of the performance and or presentation of bursaries for any legal use, including but not
limited to : publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, advertising, and web content.

Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by
reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____