

SPAH Youth Scholarship Application to attend the 2022 SPAH Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 9-13, 2022

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 2022 SPAH convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 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 9, through Saturday, August 13, departing Sunday the 14th.
- 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 2022 through December 2023, 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 sell 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 and performed at an in-person SPAH. If unable to attend in person, foreign applicants will have the option of performing virtually. All registered, in-person, SPAH Convention attendees must be fully vaccinated and provide proof with their convention registration, at least two weeks prior to the start of the Convention.

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, 2022**. Recipients of the SPAH Youth Scholarship for the 2022 SPAH Convention will be selected by the SPAH Youth Support Committee and notified by no later than **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?