

William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarships

The William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship program of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit provides modest, partial scholarships for beginning pipers, drummers, Highland dancers, harpists (clarsach), fiddlers, pianists, or other appropriate musical instruments to attend a summer Scottish Arts program of their choice in order to further their interest and improve their talent. Applicants must secure their own admission to the program in which interested and are advised to do this as early as possible in order to maximize the opportunity for admission. In making these awards, preference will be given to school age applicants and to first-time applicants of any age. A requirement of this award is that the recipient comes to the November meeting of the Society when the talents of that year's recipients are showcased.

These awards are also available to piping, Highland dancing, and instructors of other appropriate instruments who are seeking to improve their teaching skills; these instructors can nominate themselves. The award can be used for either a short-term workshop or a summer weeklong program.

Applications are distributed by early April each year to instructors, pipe majors, etc., who participated in the previous year. Those wishing to request materials for the first time are encouraged to do so. Decisions will be made in early May and only those applicants who have secured school admission will be considered. The scholarship will be credited to the student's account at the school attended.

The eligibility criteria for these awards are:

- reside in Southeast Michigan or study with an instructor or be a member of a band in Southeast Michigan;
- for school-age applicants: meet minimum age requirements of the program to which applying through high school graduation. There is no proficiency-level restriction for applicants in this group.
- for adults: from high school graduation: Be considered a "beginner," that is, be classified no higher than a Grade IV piper/drummer, Intermediate dancer, or Journeyman harper (clarsach) and, in addition, have no more than five years experience.

Completed applications are to be returned to William Kincaid, 2864 Baylis Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48108; (734-973-1828; whk925@comcast.net) and must be postmarked not later than the date specified in each year's materials, usually April 30th