



Sam Antonio Blues Society

SAM BAIRD

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

HANDWRITTEN VERSION

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ABOUT THE SAN ANTONIO BLUES SOCIETY (SABS)

The San Antonio Blues Society Inc., a Texas not-for-profit 501(3)c corporation founded in October of 1990, was established for the sole purpose of promoting and preserving blues music. It is our mission to ensure the continuation of blues music by offering educational programs within our community, and to preserve locations and artifacts relevant to the history of blues music and its artists. We support blues venues and blues artists through our promotional efforts and participation in blues-related activities and events, and by encouraging our community to appreciate the historical value and the enjoyment of blues music. SABS hosts jam sessions, local and national groups in concerts and participates in local community events throughout the year.

ABOUT SAM BAIRD AND THE SAM BAIRD SCHOLARSHIP

The Sam Baird Scholarship continues the legacy of noted musician and San Antonio Blues Society member Sam Baird, who supported and nurtured the growth of the area music community for many years. This is an ongoing endeavor, working in conjunction with schools, parents, sponsors, corporate members, and community leaders to get as many students involved as possible. The scholarship program awards those applicants who best demonstrate a strong desire to pursue their musical ambitions and exhibit strong abilities in their field. The scholarships are presented at our Robert Johnson S.A. Sessions event in November. Finally, you do not need to be a Member of SABS to apply.

ELIGIBILITY

If you reside in the San Antonio area and are currently a high school senior (or academic equivalent) preparing to graduate this scholastic year and are involved in music, you have the opportunity to receive a one-time award to assist you in furthering your musical ambitions. Examples of music involvement include, but are not limited to, musical performance (vocal or instrumental), music / sound engineering, music management, music theory, and music journalism.

AWARDS

Winners will receive a monetary award and a certificate of the award. Winning participants will also receive a complementary one-year Family membership in the San Antonio Blues Society and a special mention on our website.

PROCESS

Applicants must submit the written application along with a sample demonstrating their musical talents. Performance submissions should be submitted digitally or via a link such as YouTube. For other submissions, please send a portfolio. The application is available online at our website, www.sanantoniobluesociety.com. Within the application, include a description of the sample to be judged. For example, clarify which track(s) you want judged and explain what your role is in the project. If you are in music management, music therapy, music journalism, or entertainment law, please provide an example of how you have utilized those skills. If a description is not included the entry will be automatically disqualified. Each applicant may submit only one application per year. All entries must be typed. Correct grammar and spelling are expected.

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CRITERIA

The performance samples will be judged on originality, relevance, and clarity. Entries should be creative and imaginative in content and implementation and relevant to the student's musical ambitions. The application should be clear and concise. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, and music knowledge will be part of the judging criteria. All entries must be received by the submission date indicated on our website. Judging will be completed prior to the awards ceremony. Applicants will be contacted with the results of the judging. Applications, performance samples, or essays will not be returned. The rules apply to both the handwritten and online versions of the application.

SUBMITTING AN ONLINE APPLICATION:

Complete the application, **scan** all the pages, and **save** as a PDF. The application and supporting materials (such as links to performances) should be emailed to: **info@sanantoniobluessociety.com**.

SUBMITTING A HANDWRITTEN APPLICATION:

Complete the application, **save** as a PDF, then email your application and your performance materials (files/links) to: **info@sanantoniobluessociety.com**.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

The presentation of the award certificate will take place at our Robert Johnson S.A. Sessions live music event in November. (The exact date / venue will be announced prior to the event.) We request that award winners attend the event or have a representative present to receive their award certificate. **Award winners must submit verification of graduation no later than May 31st**. Once received, a check will be sent for the award amount. If verification has not been received, **the monies will be returned to the Scholarship fund**. The names and photos of the competition winners will be posted on the San Antonio Blues Society website, www.SanAntonioBluesSociety.com.

If you have questions about submitting your materials, email us at info@SanAntonioBluesSociety.com or call us at (210) 641-8192.

Important note: after you send your submission, please email us at info@SanAntonioBluesSociety.com and let us know you have sent your materials. WE WANT TO ENSURE WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MATERIALS.

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Please take your time answering the following questions. Give detailed answers. To ensure the judges can understand your responses, please type your answers using these question sheets. Please consider that neatness counts, spelling counts, and grammar counts.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

APPLICATION (PART 1 OF 3)

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Year in School: _____

How did you hear about the Sam Baird Scholarship?

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APPLICATION (PART 2 OF 3)

Please take your time answering the following questions. Give detailed answers. To ensure the judges can understand your responses, please type your answers using these question sheets or using blank sheets. Please consider that neatness counts, spelling counts, and grammar counts.

Describe your current experience and training in music or music related studies:

What does music or music related industry mean to you personally?

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APPLICATION (PART 3 OF 3)

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What are your career goals in the music industry?

How will you use the Sam Baird Scholarship money if you are awarded a Sam Baird Scholarship?

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COMPETITION FEEDBACK

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

AREA BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGES

Criteria for Evaluation: (1 – 5 scale)

1 – Poor 2- Below Average 3 – Average 4 – Above Average 5 - Exceptional

ORIGINALITY: _____ RELEVANCE: _____ CLARITY: _____

TOTAL: _____

REMARKS:

[illegible]

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