

TONAL INNOVATION

Bridging the gap between music and technology

Future Innovators Scholar Program

2021 Application Package

Overview

The Tonal Innovation Future Innovators Scholar Program seeks to reduce the financial burden of higher education to individuals aspiring to be future innovators. The Program accomplishes this by awarding two (2) \$1,000 scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors and to college students currently enrolled in a degree program. The application consists of an online application, an essay, and a letter of recommendation.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for an award, applicants must:

- Demonstrate a desire to become an innovator in your community;
- Demonstrate strong academic performance (3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale);
- Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, U.S. Permanent Resident, Refugee, Asylee, or other individual eligible to attend an institution of higher education
- Be a member of a performing ensemble – chamber group, concert band, orchestra, marching band, etc.
- Have graduated from high school by the application deadline; and
- Be or plan to be enrolled full-time at an accredited College or University in the United States for the upcoming academic year.

Application Requirements

1. [A completed application form \(Click here to submit online\)](#)
2. A biographical sketch (less than 300 words)
3. An essay of sufficient length, but not more than 3 pages typed at 12 pt. font, single spaced, in Times New Roman answering the following prompts:

a) Why do you consider yourself an innovator?

b) Talk a little about your musical resume (ensembles you have been a part of, instruments played, special events performed at, etc.).

- c) *How has being involved in music made a positive impact in your life?*
- d) *Do you hope to continue your musical career during and after college?*

4. Academic transcript(s) from your most current academic institution and/or previous institutions if the applicant has been enrolled for less than 2 years.
5. A letter of recommendation from someone in the music industry – a band director, studio professor, instructor, etc.

Deadline

To be considered for the 2021 Future Innovators Scholar Program, a complete application package must be submitted no later than 11:59pm Central Time on June 30th.

Notification of Award

Award recipients will be notified on or before August 1st of 2021. Scholarships are awarded as a check made out to the applicant and sent during August of the awarding year. Previous award winners are ineligible for consideration.

Submission

Applications must be submitted in two parts. Each part does not have to be submitted concurrently, but each part must be received prior to the submission deadline.

- A) An online application form. [Click here to access the form.](#)
- B) An email containing Application Requirements 2-5 sent to scholarships@tonalinnovation.com with the subject line **exactly** as follows: *Firstname Lastname, Scholarship Application, 2021*
 - a. If your letter of recommendation writer prefers to send the letter directly, they can email it to scholarships@tonalinnovation.com with the subject line of *Applicant Name, Letter of Recommendation, 2021*