



# Blues Society of Tulsa Student Grant Application Packet 2023-2024 School Year

## APPLICATION OVERVIEW-

The Blues Society of Tulsa supports Blues music in our continued focus of “**keepin’ the Blues alive**”. In our efforts to promote the Blues music genre, we are seeking a worthy student musician with a genuine appreciation of the Blues.

The selected recipient will receive a \$500 grant to use toward their musical development.

The application includes an essay portion, which is a critical component of the application process. Application deadline is December 31, 2023. After review of the applications, five finalists will be selected in January, 2024. These five finalists will each have an in-person interview and will be required to complete a music challenge and perform for the Selection Committee. The interviews and performances will be scheduled for March 2024. A winner will be selected by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. An awards ceremony will be held in April 2024 and we ask that the selected student perform a set of music for the award ceremony attendees.

Applications are open to students in grades 10, 11 or 12, for the 2023-2024 school year and who are enrolled in a bona fide school setting under Oklahoma state law. (Ex: public school, home school, academy or other approved educational setting)

**COMPLETE:** Application must be received and/or postmarked by midnight, December 31, 2023.

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# Blues Society of Tulsa

## STUDENT GRANT APPLICATION

Please complete the below application in its entirety. Applications are open to all students in grades 10, 11, or 12, for the 2023-2024 school year and who are enrolled in a bona fine school setting under Oklahoma state law. (Ex: public school, home school, academy or other approved educational setting)  
Application deadline is midnight December 31st, 2023  
All information, including Essay, must be legible.

### Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
What grade will you be in the Spring of 2024? \_\_\_\_\_  
Music Director or Instructor Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Music Director or Instructor Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Background

List the instrument(s) you play:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

At what age did you begin playing? \_\_\_\_\_

At what age did you begin music lessons? (enter ST if self taught) \_\_\_\_\_

At what age did you begin in band? \_\_\_\_\_

What other musical experience did you receive outside of formal training?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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When did you develop an interest in Blues genre music? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are your musical influences? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

How do you intend to further your musical education/development? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Essay**

Please write an essay, **250-word minimum**, describing your interest in blues music and what inspires your interest. The essay must be legible.

The essay can also include thoughts about some or all of the following: your developing passion for music, what drives you, your thoughts and goals in music, how you think your music will impact your growth and development as a person and the contribution you wish to make to society through your talent.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the essay.

