



LOU WILLIAMSON JAZZ AWARD

Deadline: May 23, 2025

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Value: \$2000

The Lou Williamson Scholarship Fund and Victoria Jazz Society, administrator of the award, are pleased to announce applications are open for the 2025 Lou Williamson Jazz Award. The Lou Williamson Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by Chris and Eve Millington in memory of percussionist Lou Williamson, a gifted performer, former McGill instructor and highly respected music administrator. The purpose of the \$2000 cash award is to encourage a talented high school student to continue their music studies in jazz.

Rules and Criteria

- The award is for an outstanding **graduating** secondary student from Greater Victoria or the Gulf Islands (School Districts 61, 62, 63 and 64), currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school or other recognized instrumental jazz programme in the Greater Victoria and Gulf Islands area. Vocalists are not eligible for this award.
- The completed application must be submitted to the Victoria Jazz Society no later than May 23, 2025.
- The application must be submitted by email to info@jazzvictoria.ca, with a subject line that includes "Lou Williamson Scholarship Award". Only digital submissions will be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The successful applicant will be notified and receive the scholarship in June at a presentation during the 2025 TD Victoria International JazzFest.

Procedure:

This completed application form must be accompanied by the following items:

1. A personal letter how the applicant self-evaluates their musical, academic and community strengths. State how the scholarship money will be used (plans for future studies and intended career path). Elaborate on any pertinent awards, commendations, or special information regarding their recent (past two years) musical experience.
2. A good quality video file containing jazz performances demonstrating musicality and technical ability on a musical instrument. The video should be no more than 10 minutes in length and include a ballad and an up-tempo selection or a single piece including both styles. If performing on more than one instrument, please submit a video for each. Label each file with the musician's name, the name of the piece and the composer's name.
3. At least two letters of recommendation, one written by the applicant's current music teacher. These letters should explain why the applicant would be a good candidate for the scholarship.



LOU WILLIAMSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Current Secondary School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Principal Instrument / Program: _____

Additional Instruments: _____

Birthdate (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone (Home/Cell/Work): _____

Email address: _____

How many years has the applicant studied music? _____

Where has the applicant studied jazz music? _____

The Lou Williamson Scholarship Fund Website:

<https://louwilliamsonscholarshipfund.ca/>

Lou Williamson featured in Sing-Sing-Sing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FQ1IBBcUh4>