



LOU WILLIAMSON JAZZ AWARD

Deadline: May 20, 2026

Number of Scholarships Available: 1

Value: \$2,000.00

The Lou Williamson Scholarship Fund and Victoria Jazz Society, administrator of the award, are pleased to announce applications are open for the 2026 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 pursue their post secondary music studies.

Rules and Criteria

- The award is for an outstanding **graduating** secondary student from Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands (School Districts 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 79, 93), currently enrolled in a public secondary school music program on Vancouver Island or a Gulf Island. Vocalists are not eligible for this award. ***The award was previously only available to students in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands, but has been expanded to include graduating students from South and Central Vancouver Island.**
- The completed application must be submitted to the Victoria Jazz Society no later than May 20, 2026.
- The application must be submitted by email to info@jazzvictoria.ca, with a subject line that includes "Lou Williamson Jazz Award". Only digital submissions will be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The successful applicant will be notified by May 29 and will be invited to receive the scholarship in June at a presentation during the 2026 TD Victoria International JazzFest.

Procedure:

The 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. Good quality video files containing two performances demonstrating musicality and technical ability on a musical instrument. The videos should total 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: _____

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 music? _____

The Lou Williamson Scholarship Fund Website:
<https://louwilliamsonscholarshipfund.ca/>

Lou Williamson featured in Sing-Sing-Sing:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FQ1IBBcUh4>