

## **The Lute Society of America Student Membership Grant**

The Lute Society of America Student Membership Grant program was established to aid deserving students in their pursuit of lute studies. It was created primarily for college or university students enrolled in a full time music program that emphasizes the lute, Renaissance vihuela, early guitar, or related instruments. However, the Student Membership Grant is also available to high school students who are currently taking lessons on the lute or a related instrument from a teacher who is known to the members of the LSA Scholarship Committee. In addition, the Membership Grant is available to students involved in the study of vocal music composed with accompaniment by the lute, vihuela or related instruments.

Funding for this Membership Grant is donated by members of the LSA for the specific purpose of giving students an opportunity to receive the publications and other member benefits offered by the Lute Society of America.

The LSA Student Membership Grant will pay for one year of membership in the LSA in the name of the recipient. Recipients of the LSA Student Membership Grant may apply in successive years if they continue to meet the criteria.

Upon acceptance, the LSA membership is valid for the current calendar year, but the application may be made at any time during the year. Any publications that have been produced by the LSA during that year prior to the date of acceptance will be sent to the new member at that time. The member will then receive all subsequent LSA publications for that calendar year.

### **Criteria**

- \* Student Membership Grant recipient must be enrolled in a full time music program which emphasizes the lute, Renaissance vihuela, early guitar, or related instruments.
- \* Membership Grant recipient must be a full-time student currently enrolled in high school, a college or university, or a conservatory.
- \* In the case of the high school qualification, the student must be taking lessons with a qualified teacher known to the members of the LSA Scholarship Committee.
- \* In the case of a higher-education qualification, the student must be a declared music major enrolled in a course and currently taking lessons from a teacher known to the members of the LSA Scholarship Committee.

## **Application Procedure**

The application must include:

- \* The completed application form.
- \* One letter of reference, including name, address, and telephone number of the author.
- \* For students under the age of eighteen, a letter of understanding from an authorized parent or guardian.

The application and supporting documentation should be in .PDF, Microsoft Word or .JPG format and sent by e-mail to the LSA Membership Coordinator, Christopher Wilke, at:

[chriswilke@yahoo.com](mailto:chriswilke@yahoo.com)

## **Selection Process**

Once the application is received, the LSA Membership Coordinator will distribute the information to the Scholarship Committee, and that committee will make the allocation of memberships based on the money available and qualifications of the applicants.