



Ashling Murphy Scholarships

Comhaltas educational programmes aim to educate, develop and inspire students to achieve their full musical potential and provide them with the skills for enjoyment of music, song, dance and language. Students explore the realms of expression and imagination in performance and creativity. The mission of Comhaltas continues to enhance music education and to provide a pathway for further lifelong learning while preserving and promoting cultural identity.

Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann is delighted to invite applications for three scholarships to recognise and remember the talent and legacy of the late Aisling Murphy. Aisling was a primary school teacher, Comhaltas music teacher and performer. Remembering her work in education and performance, we find it fitting to create scholarships in her memory as outlined below.

1. The first scholarship will primarily focus on the community and is intended to support individuals working to develop participation and practice in traditional arts, including collaborative, community and socially engaged arts practices. Possibilities for the development of current Comhaltas community structures should be explored. It is envisaged that implementation of this project should result in tangible and beneficial outcomes for the traditional arts in the community.
2. The second scholarship will focus on music education. The scholarship is intended to support individual educators working with, and producing work for, students across the Irish traditional arts. The purpose of the scholarship is to support educators in the development of their practice and to encourage students to be more confident in their own ability. Delivery of this project can include the development of new programmes of traditional music education.
3. The purpose of the third scholarship is to support researchers in the development of a new piece of research in the Irish traditional arts. Possible areas for research might include aspects of regional performance styles, repertoire, composition, music education, collections, recordings, among others. It is envisaged that implementation of this project should result in tangible outcome, which may take the form of book/CD publication, lecture recital, journal article, website etc.

Submissions should include name, contact information, short biography of the applicant and a brief outline of the project to include a proposed budget and timeline. Please see application form below. Submissions are welcomed in both English and Irish language.

Successful applicants will be awarded €2000 towards the overall cost of the project: €1000 when the scholarship is awarded and €1000 upon completion.

All Submissions and details of the proposed project should be sent to education@comhaltas.ie to arrive no later than 5pm on June 28th, 2024. Applications will be assessed by a panel of independent adjudicators and results announced before July 12th, 2024.

The scholarships will be awarded at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024 in Wexford.



Ashling Murphy Scholarship Application Form

Name

Contact Information

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Applicant Biography (Max. 500 words)

Please indicate which Scholarship you are applying for

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Outline of Proposed Project

Budget outline for proposed project

Timeline for completion for proposed project