



AIBF Professional Development Application Guidelines – 2019

Specific to:

Current school music educators. Applicants **MUST** reside in the Province of Alberta and not have been awarded the scholarship in a previous year.

Amount, Number and Timing of the Scholarship:

The four AIBF Professional Development Scholarships are valued at \$500 each (for a total of \$2000.00 annually). Two (maximum) scholarships will be awarded annually at the final awards of the Alberta International Festival in Calgary and two (maximum) at the Alberta International Band Festival Feature Concert in Edmonton.

Overview:

It is the intent of the scholarship that the funds be put towards costs incurred by the recipient educator to high quality professional development conferences. Examples could include:

1. The Alberta Band Association Conference (Music Conference Alberta)
2. The Chicago Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic
3. CADME workshops

Eligibility Criteria:

All applicants **MUST** meet the following criteria:

1. Be a resident of Alberta and reside in Alberta
2. Be a current grade junior, middle or senior high school band director.
3. Provide a resume of background, education and professional development goals.
4. Demonstrate a strong desire to improve as an educator.
5. Submit a letter of intent, briefly outlining the reasons why he/she would be a good candidate for this scholarship.
6. Please be sure to include school and home mailing information, as well as pertinent email and telephone numbers.

Application and Selection Process:

Each year, prior to the Alberta International Band Festival, application forms and related materials will be made available to band directors and potential candidates via email and on the AIBF web-site. Applicants will be required to submit their applications so they are received by the assigned deadline each year. **For 2019, the deadline is March 1st in Edmonton.**

Two band directors will be currently working in a Junior High/Middle School and two from Senior High Schools. While financial need will be considered, it is not the only factor in the final decision.



The successful applicant will be selected based on the strength of his/her application by the AIBF Scholarship Selection Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

Award Disbursement:

The successful applicants will be notified by telephone and in writing. A certificate of acknowledgement will be presented to the recipient at the awards ceremony for the Alberta International Band Festival in Calgary at the Rozsa Centre, University of Calgary. Recipients of the Edmonton scholarships will be presented a certificate of acknowledgement at the Feature Concert at the ATB Financial Arts Barn on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

The scholarship monies will be paid directly to the successful applicants upon presentation of receipts from the chosen conference (examples could include registration fee, transportation costs, or hotel costs). In all matters concerning the eligibility and payment, the decision of the AIBF Scholarship Committee shall be final.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2019 for Edmonton AIBF.**

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

The AIBF Professional Development Scholarship
c/o Rob Speers
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Edmonton, Alberta
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OR E-MAIL (PDF) IT TO:

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