

JUDE BIGGS MUSICIAN SCHOLARSHIP

The joy and thrill of BACDS dances depends on inspiring live music provided by a dedicated and skilled community of musicians. BACDS supports the development of musical skills in its community dance musicians in several ways, including sponsorship of the Jude Biggs Musician Scholarship. This scholarship provides monetary support to help country dance and display dance musicians make the transition from "promising" to "experienced" performers by attending a BACDS dance camp. We honor the memory of Jude Biggs, an early BACDS member who died young, her promise unfulfilled.

What does the Jude Biggs Scholarship mean for me?

The scholarship covers the **full cost of admission** to American Dance and Music Week for one person, or sometimes half the cost for two persons who are sharing the award. At camp, the recipient has the same opportunity as any camper to enjoy classes taught by outstanding dance musicians on how to play music for dancing, and is encouraged to participate in dance classes, as well. There are many opportunities for informal jamming with other musicians, both staff and campers. Past recipients have participated in and helped coordinate the camper band(s) that play for the Wednesday night dance at camp. There are no special "work" responsibilities associated with the scholarship, just a chance to enjoy a wonderful week at camp!

Who can apply for the Jude Biggs Scholarship?

BACDS encourages applicants who have demonstrated ability and experience as a dance musician, but who are not yet a plausible candidate for paid camp staff. Most important is that Jude Biggs Scholars take the experience and inspiration gained at camp back to their home community to contribute to their local dances. We welcome applicants from outside the Bay Area. Past recipients of the Jude Biggs Scholarship are not eligible to apply.

I'm interested! How do I apply?

Send in your camper registration by the **March 15 lottery deadline**, with the box checked to indicate interest in the Jude Biggs Scholarship. **Enclose** with your registration **or e-mail** to <amweek@bacds.org> **a brief biography** and a **personal statement** indicating your music background, experience, and interest in playing for community dances and attending camp as a Jude Biggs Scholar. You may include anything that would help the camp committee evaluate your suitability, such as names of references. The committee uses this information to choose a candidate and to gain approval from the BACDS Board.

When applying for the Jude Biggs Scholarship, no registration deposit is required. If you are not chosen for the scholarship, but still wish to attend camp, we will ask you to send a deposit right away after we notify you of the decision. If you send a deposit with your registration and are chosen for the full Jude Biggs Scholarship, we will refund your deposit.