

# **Oregon Bluegrass Association**

## **Steve Waller Memorial Fund**

### **Grant Award Information and Application**

#### **History**

In honor of his significant contributions to music and the Oregon Bluegrass Association (OBA), the Steve Waller Memorial Fund (the Fund) was established after Steve's passing in June 2015. The purpose of the Fund is to honor Steve through awarding financial grants to deserving individuals, to further their education, professional growth, or the advancement, preservation or support of bluegrass music.

Resources supporting the Waller Fund include: OBA general account funds, donations from the Oregon bluegrass community, and, potentially grants received from various other organizations. OBA's goal is to receive enough support to endow the Waller fund, so that the principal balance remains intact in perpetuity, and regular earnings support annual grant awards. Until that point is achieved, OBA will strive to maintain financial resources to award funds deemed sufficient for recipients.

OBA administers the Waller Fund. Grant awards may vary in amount, and may be awarded to one or more recipients. OBA's Waller Fund Committee will review applications and recommend award recipient(s) and amount(s) to the OBA Board of Directors for final approval. The OBA aims to present the award annually at the Annual Meeting in April.

#### **Scope**

Steve Waller Memorial Fund grants will be awarded annually to individuals or groups with involvement in the Oregon Bluegrass community. The OBA Waller Fund Committee will consider all requests received through completion of the Waller Grant Application Form by the due date.

#### **Criteria**

1. Applicants must be an Oregon Bluegrass Association member (individual or band) and the primary award recipient must be an Oregon resident.
2. Applicants must have a stated financial need.
3. Applicants may request funds for musical tuition or lessons, professional development, or the advancement of the bluegrass genre.
4. Applicants must complete and submit the Waller Grant Application Form by the due date.
5. Applications may not be submitted by a current OBA Board Member or relative.
6. Grant award payments will be made by OBA to the entity designated on the Waller Grant Application Form.

7. Grant award recipient(s) must complete the Grant Use Summary Form by 30 days upon the conclusion of the use of funds time period. The Grant Use summary information may be published in OBA's Express newsletter.
8. OBA may revise the criteria and Waller Fund application process from time to time, as needed.

### **Use of Funds**

1. Award is intended to be used within the OBA's mission statement to 'promote, encourage, foster, and cultivate the preservation, appreciation, understanding, enjoyment, support, performance of bluegrass and other closely related music.'
2. Awards are to be used within the one-year grant cycle and the Grant Use Summary Form to be completed by April 1 of the year following the award (e.g., grant received April 2018, to be submitted by April 2019). Submit the form to [wallerapplication@oregonbluegrass.org](mailto:wallerapplication@oregonbluegrass.org).
3. Recipients of the award may be asked to present their use of the award at the OBA general membership meeting held annually in April. If awardees are unable to present in person, a statement may be prepared.

# Steve Waller Memorial Fund Grant Application Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications Due February 28, 2019  
Submit to: OBA  
P.O. Box 1115  
Portland, OR 97207

Or to:  
wallerapplication@oregonbluegrass.org

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an OBA Board Member or Relative? \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your involvement in the Oregon Bluegrass Community.**

**Describe the Use of Waller Grant Funds**

**For What Time Period Will Funds Be Used**

**How Will the Grant Funds Further Your Musical or Career Aspirations?**

**Provide information on who would receive Waller Funds from OBA, should you be awarded a Grant (name, address, phone number, email address)**

**For Questions About This Application, Contact  
[wallerapplications@oregonbluegrass.org](mailto:wallerapplications@oregonbluegrass.org)**

**Thank You and Good Luck!**