**Nanaimo Fiddle Society**
**Audrey Hansen Memorial Bursary**

**Application Form**

**🎻 About the Audrey Hansen Memorial Bursary**

The **Audrey Hansen Memorial Bursary** ensures that passionate and dedicated youth can take part in the **Fiddelium** performance training program, regardless of financial circumstances, while honouring the kind of joyful, community-driven music-making and education that Audrey championed throughout her life.

Audrey Hansen was a beloved figure in the local music scene. With her infectious energy and signature laugh, she lit up every stage she played on with the Kinda Ceili Band. Her fiddle playing was not only technically brilliant but full of heart, lifting the spirits of everyone around her.

Off stage, Audrey was a tireless advocate for young musicians, especially those drawn to fiddle traditions. Her vision and mentorship were foundational in the creation of Fiddelium and Folk Band, and continue to shape the programs we offer today.

This bursary is about more than just access — it's about honouring and carrying Audrey’s legacy forward, lighting the way for young musicians for years to come.

The Nanaimo Fiddle Society is committed to making its programs accessible to all musicians, regardless of financial circumstances. Our **Audrey Hansen Memorial Bursary** offers financial assistance to individuals requiring support to participate in our educational programs.

Bursaries may cover full or partial program fees and/or instrument rental costs, depending on available funding. Applications are assessed based on financial need, and all information provided will remain strictly confidential, shared only with members of the Nanaimo Fiddle Society’s Bursary Committee.

**Applicant Information**

Name of Applicant:
Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable):
Date:

Phone Number:
Email Address:

**Program Details**

I am applying for assistance with program registration fees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

 If yes,

Term being applied for: ☐ Term 1 ☐ Term 2
I am applying for assistance with the cost of an instrument rental? ☐ Yes ☐ No

 If yes,

Cost per month of instrument rental: $ ­­­­­ per month

Number of months of coverage being applied for: months

**Total Amount of Financial Assistance Being Requested: $**

**Financial Need**

1. Please provide a brief explanation of why you are requesting financial assistance.
(Only share as much or as little as you are comfortable sharing.)

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1. Do you currently receive any income-based government assistance (e.g., subsidized child care, social assistance, disability benefits)? Responding to this question is optional but can help us assess financial need.

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1. Bursaries may cover full or partial costs associated with program registration fees or the cost of an instrument rental, depending on available funding and demonstrated need. If a partial bursary would help, how much support would make participation possible?

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1. Are there other ways we can help support your child’s participation in **Fiddelium**? (e.g. assistance with ride sharing to classes, etc.

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1. Are you currently receiving support from any other individual or funding source for your child’s participation in the **Fiddelium** program?  Yes ☐ No ☐
	* If yes, please provide details (e.g., other grants, sponsorships, family member or subsidies received):

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**Commitment & Acknowledgment**

If awarded a bursary, the approved amount will be directly applied to your program registration fees. You will receive instructions on how to apply the bursary when registering online.

**Submission Instructions**

For convenience, ***we encourage electronic submissions***. Completed applications can be submitted via email to the attention of Sharon deLure, Chair of the Nanaimo Fiddle Society at nfsbursary@gmail.comor mailed to:

Bursary Committee

Nanaimo Fiddle Society

c/o Sharon deLure, Chair

2920 Shady Mile Way

Nanaimo, BC

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By applying for a bursary, you are acknowledging that submitting an application does not guarantee funding and that our decisions are subject to fund availability and demonstrated need.

Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 10 – 14 business days (sooner if possible). Please be sure to apply no less than 3 weeks prior to term fees or instrument rental fees being due. Please follow up to confirm that we have received your application, if you do not hear from us within 3 working days.

Thank you for your interest in the Nanaimo Fiddle Society’s programs. We appreciate your participation in our community and look forward to supporting your child’s musical journey!