



The Nickelodeon Youth Music Scholarship

What is The Nickelodeon Youth Music Scholarship?

The Nickelodeon Folk Club in Calgary is once again offering scholarships to cover the full registration fee to attend the *Foothills Acoustic Music Institute (FAMI)* music camps in May or August. These scholarships are for youth between 12 and 18 years of age.

The aims of the scholarship are:

- to provide an opportunity for young people to develop skills in music
- to expose recipients to acoustic music-making and performance
- to build an early foundation of interest and skills in traditional, roots or folk music
- to connect participants to a community of like-minded musicians

What music lessons are available?

The camps offer group lessons for beginning and developing musicians on acoustic instruments such as guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo and bass. Singing, songwriting and other classes are sometimes available. Class descriptions are listed on the FAMI website at <http://www.fami.ca>.

When and where will the camps be held?

The camps will be held on the weekends of May 21-24, 2010 (Friday evening to Monday noon) and August 19-22, 2010 (Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon) at Kamp Kiwanis, near Bragg Creek Alberta. The camp is located at the intersection of highways #8 and #22, about 20 minutes drive west of Calgary.

Where can I find more information about the scholarships and the camps?

Additional information is available in the "Scholarship - Frequently Asked Questions" page on the Nickelodeon website at <http://thenick.ca> and the FAMI website at <http://www.fami.ca>.

Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from Alberta youth, age 12 -18, who are beginner or novice musicians and are interested in taking one of the classes offered at the camps. You must provide your own instrument in good working condition. Instructors will help you tune your instrument, but will not be able to do repairs.

How do I apply?

To apply, submit one of the following three options:

- A short essay of about 200 words describing why you would like to attend the camp. For instance, you could write about an enjoyable musical experience you have had, why you have had fun performing music with other people, or what sort of musical activities you see yourself doing in the future.
- A recording of you playing an instrument or singing (CD or audio tape).
- A recording of a song you have written (CD or audio tape).

Where do I find the application form?

The application form is available in PDF format on the Nickelodeon website at

<http://thenick.ca>. Submit the completed form and your essay or recording to:

The Nickelodeon Music Club, Box 63016, Stadium RPO, Calgary, AB, T2N 4S5

Submissions must be received by March 26th, 2010.

How will participants be selected?

Participants will be selected by a jury (3 volunteers from the Nickelodeon Folk Club who are acoustic musicians). **Successful applicants will be notified by March 29, 2010.**

Why is the Nickelodeon Club offering these scholarships?

The Nickelodeon Music Club has been raising money through the raffle of a guitar that is signed by all of the musicians who perform in a season at "The Nick". Mike McLeod from *The Acoustic Guitar Store* has kindly provided a guitar for the raffle. The money that has been raised from the raffle will be used for these scholarships.

In the past, we have sent two or three young people to the camp. Thanks to a donation from the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers, we expect to be able to send at least one more to this year's camps.