



**BMI FOUNDATION INC.**

**2010 JOHN LENNON SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS  
OFFICIAL RULES**



1. Applicants must participate through a local National Association for Music Education (MENC) Collegiate chapter in his or her school. **Applicants applying through MENC submit their entries to their local MENC chapter advisor directly in accordance with local deadlines and MUST NOT send their applications directly to the BMI Foundation.**
2. **Applicants must be a current student or recent alumnus/alumna of the institution through which he or she is applying.**
3. The submitted work must be an original song with lyrics accompanied by whatever instrumentation is chosen by the applicant. Both lyrics and music must be original and not based on any prior work.
4. Applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 24 as of January 29, 2010, and currently enrolled in a college or university. In the case of a joint or co-written song, all applicants must meet all qualification requirements and each co-writer must submit a completed application.
5. Applicants must not have had any musical work commercially recorded or distributed or have been a prior winner of a John Lennon Scholarship Award. The applicant must warrant that he or she has not assigned any rights in the submitted work to a publisher, record company, licensing organization or any other person or entity.
6. The entry must be submitted on audio cassette or CD, which must be labeled only with the title of the song. It must be accompanied by three typed copies of the lyric. **None of these items may indicate the name of the applicant, their school or organization.** The tape or CD, 3 typed lyric sheets, and the fully completed application (or applications when there are co-writers) must be submitted together. **The MENC Collegiate chapter advisor must confirm the application.** Applicants should retain copies of their recordings and lyrics since the Foundation will not undertake to return materials.
7. If the winning work was written by two or more qualifying applicants (e.g., a composer and lyricist), the scholarship award will be divided equally between them.
8. **Submissions must be submitted directly to the campus MENC Collegiate chapter advisor by December 1, 2009 (or earlier, if earlier timeline has been established by the advisor). Advisors must submit entries to their MENC State BMI Committee Chair before December 15, 2009.** Entries will be judged by the MENC State BMI Committee. Selected entries will be sent by the committee chair to MENC headquarters to be forwarded to the BMI Foundation for final consideration.
9. Three scholarship awards will be available for the 2010 competition, one of \$10,000 and two of \$5,000. The Foundation reserves the right to make no award, or to make fewer than the three possible awards or to award prizes totaling less than the full amount. The Foundation also reserves the right to limit the number of finalists submitted to the final judging panel to two (2) entries from each participating school or organization.
10. The BMI Foundation shall have the right (but shall have no obligation) to license up to three public performances of a winning composition and, in the case of works of a popular nature, authorize appropriate musical arrangements to be made for such performances. The BMI Foundation shall also have the right to post a recording of any winning composition on the [bmi.com](http://bmi.com) and [bmifoundation.org](http://bmifoundation.org) websites and to authorize the reproduction and distribution on audio tape and/or CD of no more than twelve (12) copies of each winning work. All other rights under the copyright law remain vested in the composer and lyricist.