PGTAOSA

2026 Jean F. Wilmouth Memorial Scholarship Application

(Application Deadline: February 7th, 2026)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Thank you for your interest in the Jean F. Wilmouth Memorial Scholarship of the Pittsburgh Golden Triangle AOSA. The goals of this scholarship are to:

- Memorialize the profound contributions of Mr. Wilmouth to both the local and national music education community.
- Honor Mr. Wilmouth's legacy of excellence in music education.
- Further Mr. Wilmouth's vision of teacher training in the Orff-Schulwerk pedagogical method.

To this end, the Jean F. Wilmouth Memorial Scholarship shall:

- Provide $500 dollars of financial aid to be used toward the tuition and related costs of a Teacher Training Certification "Levels" Course in Orff-Schulwerk pedagogy offered in **Summer of 2026**. Preference will be given to applicants who enroll in Level I of the course offered in Pittsburgh, PA (if available at the time).

To be eligible for this scholarship, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- Be a current and active member of the PGTAOSA.
- Agree to write a social media post and reflection of training.
- Complete at least one year of teaching by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Complete and submit the following application by **February 7th, 2026**. Winner will be announced at the March chapter workshop.
- Demonstrate a fervent and ongoing commitment to professional growth.
- Submit one letter of reference directly to president@pgtaosa.org by the referring party that addresses the following:
    - Applicant's knowledge of subject matter and teaching ability,
    - Quality of interpersonal skills with supervisors and colleagues, rapport with students
    - Degree of industriousness, responsibility, commitment and passion
- Submit course transcript or other verification of course completion within 3 months of course completion.
- Agree to repay the scholarship if the course is cancelled or the recipient fails to satisfactorily complete the course.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Name_____ Email:_____

Address _____ Phone_____

School_____ Phone_____

Are you a member of National AOSA _____? If no, why not?_____

How many years have you been a member of the PGTAOSA local Chapter?_____

I have read and hereby agree to the conditions stated in the Jean F. Wilmouth Memorial Scholarship procedures.

_____ _____

Name Date

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE NARRATIVE SECTION BELOW

1 – Describe your professional work experience and how it relates to this scholarship.

2 – What attracted you to Orff-Schulwerk?

3 – What exposure or introduction have you had to the Orff approach, and what Levels course are you planning to complete?

4 – What do you hope to derive personally and professionally by participating in this level of the Orff-Schulwerk Teacher Training Course?

5 – How will your students be positively affected by your participation in this training?

6 – If you have specific financial need or any other considerations that you would like to include in this application, please explain.