



Background

The John Arcand Fiddle Foundation (JAFF) exists as a result of the generous donation made after the dissolution of the John Arcand Fiddle Fest. The John Arcand Fiddle Fest was an annual event, the dream of John and Vicki Arcand, occurring for nearly a quarter century. It was hosted at their acreage, Windy Acres, outside of Saskatoon. It was their vision to see Métis and old time fiddle music shared, supported, encouraged, and enjoyed, particularly by the youth who would become the future generations of fiddle players and instructors. JAFF offered instruction at all levels in fiddle and guitar, Métis dance, and also included instruction in Métis material arts. Many of Canada's finest musicians attended the JAFF as instructors, and many of the learners became fine musicians and instructors as the JAFF grew. John Arcand has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognition for his dedication to Métis and old time music and dance. Vicki Arcand gave unwavering support and was invaluable to the JAFF's success. The JAFF Board of Directors retired JAFF in December, 2021 and created the endowment for this fund through a partnership with the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI).

Focus

The JAFF aims to remain true to the Festival's mandate; to promote the traditions of fiddle, music, and dance. This will be accomplished through financial support for emerging, and developing fiddle enthusiasts who seek to learn to play fiddle or guitar, and those who seek to become fiddle or guitar instructors. This may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Fiddle lessons, guitar lessons, Métis dance, old time dance
- Fiddle and/or guitar instruction camps and gatherings
- Fiddle and/or guitar player or instructor mentorship and development
- Travel assistance for the above

JAFF Objectives

The JAFF objectives are to:

- Support the development of fiddle and guitar players and instructors.
- Support, build upon, and maintain an interest in Métis and old time fiddle music.
- Support individuals with an interest in fiddle or guitar who may also face financial barriers.
- Support emerging, or beginning fiddle and guitar enthusiasts to acquire quality instruction.
- Support the ongoing development of fiddle and guitar players and instructors.
- Support the development and ongoing needs of fiddle and guitar programs.

Eligibility

Who is eligible?

- All applicants must live in Saskatchewan
- Applicants who are Métis, First Nations, or Inuit are invited to voluntarily self-identify
- Applicants with demonstrated need will be given priority
- Applicants under 18 will need a person over 18 to apply as the lead applicant, or have a community organization apply on their behalf

What is eligible?

- The cost of lessons
- Instrument rental
- Attendance at workshops, camps, and gatherings where instruction is a component
- Intensive master/apprentice mentorship arrangements
- Travel assistance as required to attend the above

Who is NOT eligible?

- Lead applicants under the age of 18 (clarified above, under “Who is eligible?”)
- Applicants living outside of Saskatchewan

What is NOT eligible?

- Instrument purchases
- Technology and electronic devices

JAFF Application Process

Application packages may be submitted twice annually; April 30th and/or September 30th. Completed application packages received electronically by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date for each of the two intake periods. Application forms are available at: www.gdins.org/JAFF. Completed applications must be submitted electronically to: jaff@gdins.org. The onus is on the applicant to ensure the application was received.

Reviewing Process

A review committee will be comprised of the following members:

- A minimum of three representatives from the John Arcand Fiddle Fest Board of Directors
- Two representative from the Gabriel Dumont Institute

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Is the applicant eligible?
- To what degree does the application align with the JAFF focus and objectives?
- Is the activity, budget, timeline, and anticipated outcome realistic?
- Has the applicant shared the reasons for their application?
- What funds are available from the JAFF?

*Priority will be given to Métis and youth applicants, and first time applicants.

*Exceptions may occur at the discretion of the JAFF Review Committee.

*Successful applicants must sign an agreement in order to receive funds.

Please note that meeting all eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. Successful applicants may only be offered a portion of their requested funding.

Reporting and Recognition of the Funding

Please note:

Funding must be used specifically for the eligible activities for which they were awarded.

All community organizations and individual recipients must submit proof of the activities through photographs, social media posts and a brief report form that includes dates and associated costs.

All successful applicants must agree to recognize the financial contribution received from the JAFF and to demonstrate when and where this took place.

Key Dates for each intake:

Applications made after each deadline will not be considered.

	April 30th Intake	September 30th intake
Deadline to apply	April 30 th , 11:59 p.m.	September 30 th , 11:59 p.m.
Selection finalized	May 30 th	October 30 th
Activity Period	Activities must occur before report due date	Activities must occur before report due date
Report required* (A brief report, receipts as required, and a self-assessment of your progress. The report can be a video or be written.)	December 31 st	June 15 th

*Recipients who have failed to submit a previous funding report will not be considered.



Application Form

Applicant Information

Applicant's name		Organization (if applicant under 18)	
Birth Date: (m/d/y)	Age:		
Address		City/Town/Community in SK	Postal Code
Parent/Guardian's name or organization name			
Daytime phone		Email address	
The applicant identifies as (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under 18 as of application deadline) <input type="checkbox"/> A Saskatchewan resident			

I am a Saskatchewan resident and have a Saskatchewan Health Card.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents or guardians must sign for applicants 18 or younger.

Parent, Guardian, or Organization Contact Person (if applicable)

If you are helping a family apply, please enter your contact information if we should call you with questions about this application.

Support person:	Relationship to applicant:
Employer:	
Address:	
City:	Postal code:
Phone:	Email address:

A brief description of how you will use the funds (150 word max)

Online applicants will be able to submit 150 words only. The space below accommodates 150 words of text. If you are handwriting your description, it will be about half a page. Please append it to your application.

Name of activity/program:	
Service provider (business/organization offering the program):	
Start date: (m/d/y)	End date: (m/d/y)
Activity contact person:	Phone:
Mailing address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Service Provider email address:	

Activity costs

If you are applying for more than one course/activity with the same service provider, list each and the cost.

- I have not paid any of the fees for this program yet. OR
- I have paid some costs already and am only applying for the fees that will be due after the application deadline date.

Only upcoming costs are listed below.

Activity Breakdown	Cost
Registration fees (for lessons, workshops, gatherings)	\$
Rental fees: \$ per month Total =	\$
Total activity cost	\$
Amount requested from the JAFF	\$ (max of \$750)
If the activity will cost more than you are requesting, how will the rest of the cost be paid?	\$

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<p>Send your application to: John Arcand Fiddle Foundation c/o Gabriel Dumont Institute 917 22nd Street West Saskatoon, SK S7M 0R9</p>	<u>OR</u>	<p>Apply online at: www.gdins.org/jaff</p>
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Questions?

Contact the JAFF at Tel: [\(306\) 657-5710](tel:(306)657-5710)

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