



To apply for the Lennie Baker Scholarship, please:

- (1) Complete the BCF Scholarship Application Form; and
- (2) Provide any scholarship-specific addendums to the application form; and
- (3) Include a copy of your student aid report or a copy of your FAFSA application; and
- (4) Submit current transcript

Where applicable, “service to school” is defined as involvement in school activities, such as clubs, service organizations, school government, pep squad, etc.

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2018, by 5 pm.

Applications should be mailed to:

**Bartlesville Community Foundation, Scholarships**  
**208 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Bartlesville, OK 74003**

**Or submitted on-line at [www.bartlesvillecf.org](http://www.bartlesvillecf.org)**

Applications must be completed by the student.

Applicants selected for scholarships will be required to show proof of admission at an accredited college or university prior to grants being paid.

Award recipients will either be recognized at the high school awards assembly or be notified directly by Bartlesville Community Foundation.

Applicants with questions may contact Bartlesville Community Foundation at (918) 337-2287.

# Lennie Baker Scholarship

## About Lennie Baker

Lennie Baker, known to Oklahoma as the “Godfather of the Bartlesville music scene,” began performing professionally at the age of 18, having developed his skills in church and school choirs. He performed for nearly 50 years throughout the Southwest. He also performed in Hawaii, Cancun, Eureka Springs, Branson, and many other resort areas

Lennie recorded his first record in 1964. The single, “I Still Love You” was the main song, however, the flip side, “Leaving You” was just as popular. It took several months to write and perfect “I Still Love You”. Having no experience in recording, Lennie did not even think of a flip side until a few miles from the studio. While recording the first song, Lennie wrote the song “Leaving You”.

For 16 years, Lennie performed throughout the five-state area with the band “Ronnie and The Miracles”, a soul band with a tremendous following. With the emergence of disco and DJ’s, the band dissolved.

Beginning in 1984 Lennie worked as a solo act and front man for local fan favorite “The Gigsters.” His repertoire included a wide selection of blues, rock and roll, country, and ballads. He was extremely versatile in the interpretation of different styles of music. He had a unique gift of appealing to music lovers of all ages. His favorite music is the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. However, his repertoire went back to such songs as St. Louis Blues, Sunny Side of The Street and other oldies. He could bring a crowd to their feet when belting out tunes such as “Papa’s Got a Brand New Bag”, “Every Time I Roll the Dice”, or “Hold On, I’m Coming”. He could easily shift the mood with a romantic rendition of “When A Man Loves A Woman”. His love for entertaining was quite obvious by the way he poured his heart, energy and soul into every song.

## Remembering Lennie

“Lennie was a talented person and deserves accolades, awards and hall of fame recognition, but the hall of fame he truly belongs to is the “Being a Great Human Being Hall of Fame,” said friend Bo Wilson.

“Lennie was one of the first people we met after moving to Bartlesville. He had a big heart, an infectious smile and could warm a crowd with his music. He will be greatly missed!” – said friend Mark Haskell

“In my 56 years on this Earth, I can think of no better human being than Lennie Baker. He was generous, kind, thoughtful and always (and I mean always) putting others needs before his own. He was truly a beautiful person and there’s a hole in the world where he should be.” - Unknown

“Lennie was an amazing talent. He brought so much joy to so many people. I can’t imagine this world without him. He lit up every room he was in and had a true gift of making each person he encountered feel special. He was one of a kind and we’ll always remember his music, friendship and love.” – Ann-Janette Webster

“Lennie was one of the first performers I remember seeing when I would go out in Bartlesville after college. So I’ve been hearing him play for over 20 years. I loved hearing him sing “Lucille” and “Purple Rain.” – Maria Gus, Director of Bartlesville Convention and Visitors Bureau

“He was the soundtrack to so many moments and happy memories. If Bartlesville had an official balladeer/performer/ everyman singer it would be Lenny. He was a gift to all of us and he has left a large blank space in the area music scene. Lennie is an always be a Bartlesville music legend. He was an amazing talent but above all he was a very kind, good man.” – James McGraw

### **Award Details**

The Lennie Baker Scholarship involves an application process for music students at local area schools.

To be eligible, applicants must be nominated by a music teacher and be enrolled in a music program. If the student attends a school that doesn’t offer a music program, the applicant can be nominated by a counselor and be enrolled in a private music program.

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded based on music students that display great leadership and community involvement.

## Application Details

- **Due Date** – The completed application must be returned by end of School on Friday, April 1, 2018.
- **Section 1** – Complete Section 1 by typing or printing on the application. Sign the application and have a **parent or guardian sign the application**.
- **Section 2** – Section 2 is to be typed or printed on separate paper(s) **in the requested format**, and attached to Section 2. Please put your name at the top of each page(s), followed on the next line by the name of your high school.
- **Letter of Recommendation** - Application submission must include a letter of recommendation from a high school music teacher OR the students' private music instructor.

In addition to \$500, the student will also receive a lapel pin and a personalized award plaque to be displayed at their school.



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NOTE: Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification!

## SECTION 2

On separate paper, provide the requested information to Item 1 below. **Then answer Items 2-4 below in no more than one, double spaced page or less per item, and attach to the application.** At the top of each page, type or print, your name followed on the next line by the name of your high school.

1. List the CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS of which you are, or have been a member, and OFFICES you have held while in high school. Briefly discuss an office or organization that has been especially meaningful to you.
2. How have you demonstrated LEADERSHIP ABILITY? Leadership may be defined as the ability to motivate others into action (Examples of demonstrating leadership are: Success in a youth organization, student government, school and community organizations, participation in athletic, dance, fine arts, effectively communicating to others either orally or in writing, by reaching others, etc.)
3. How have you shown the DESIRE TO LEARN AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE with others? (Examples of these desires are: asking questions and volunteering answers, joining discussion groups that are not required, researching a topic on your own and offering to share your discovery with others, etc).
4. Bono said, "Music can change the world because it can change people." How do you see yourself continuing to affect your community through music?
5. **One** letter of recommendation from a high school music teacher OR a private music instructor.