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**2021 Scholarship deadline for submission is Friday, March 12, 2021, by 5pm.**

**To apply for a scholarship with the Bartlesville Community Foundation, please:**

- Complete the BCF Scholarship Application Form accompanying each scholarship
- Provide any scholarship-specific addendums to the application form
- Include a copy of your submitted FAFSA application
  - FAFSA means **full FAFSA** with **all** pages. This is not just the cover letter stating whether or not you are eligible for financial aid but the full 10 page report.
- Submit current transcript **with** ACT scores
  - If your transcript does not include your most recent ACT scores, please attach them separately
- Please follow submission guidelines:
  - No staples
  - Printed single sided if possible
  - Do not fold application documents
  - Please submit individual applications and scholarship-specific addendums attached in separate envelopes or folders, paperclipped or binder clipped
    - For example, if applying for multiple scholarships, put each scholarship and specific addendums in the same envelope/folder and the second in another envelope/folder.
  - Do not provide attachments that are not requested by the scholarship
    - For example, if applying for a scholarship that DOES NOT request a resume DO NOT include a resume. It will not be reviewed.

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

Applications should be mailed, delivered or dropped in lock box at:

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

Applications must be completed by the student.

Scholarship recipients will be required to complete and return a scholarship acceptance form providing necessary information about their school of choice prior to grants being paid.

*Award recipients will either be recognized at their high school awards assembly or be notified directly by Bartlesville Community Foundation no later than May 31st of that application year.*  
Please direct any questions to Bartlesville Community Foundation at 918-337-2287



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# 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. He passed away on November 6, 2017 at the age of 75.

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 was the 60s, 70s and 80s. 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.



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## 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 this 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 and always will be a Bartlesville music legend. He was an amazing talent but above all he was a very kind, good man.” – James McGraw



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## **Award Details**

The Lennie Baker Scholarship involves an application process for music students in the 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 does not 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.



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## Scholarship Application Form

Scholarship Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lennie Baker Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Teacher or Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name to be Put on Plaque: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Mailing Address                      City                      State                      Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

By providing the above signatures, we attest that all information provided in this application is true and factual to the best of our knowledge. We give permission for the information to be used in publication.



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## The Lennie Baker Scholarship

Note: Failure to follow below directions will result in disqualification

Please answer the following questions, each on their own sheet of paper. No more than one, double spaced page per question. Attach all pages to the application for submission. 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 youth organizations, student government, school and community organizations, participation in athletics, 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 private music instructor.