



Hardanger Fiddle Association of America
Young Student Hardingfele Loan Program

Rules and Information

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1. The applicant should be a child for whom either a 1/2-size or a 3/4-size fiddle is the appropriate size instrument. Half-size instruments usually fit children approximately age 7-9, with an arm length between about 19-1/2" and 21-1/2". Three-quarter-size instruments usually fit children approximately age 9-12, with an arm length between about 21" and 22-1/2". To determine the child's arm length, measure from the center of the child's neck under the chin down the left arm to the middle of the palm. If in doubt please contact the Young Student Hardingfele Loan Program committee at youngstudent@hfaa.org.
2. Applicants must be residents of the United States. Instruments cannot be shipped or transported outside of the United States.
3. The loan period begins on January 1 and ends on December 15, allowing a two-week period for maintenance and shipping to the next loan recipient.
4. Previous loan recipients are eligible to re-apply for another year.
5. The loan recipient is required to have a mentor. The mentor is either a parent/guardian or another adult living in the same area as the recipient. The mentor is expected to provide hardingfele instruction to the loan recipient on a regular schedule to be agreed on between the mentor and the loan recipient's parent/guardian.
6. The loan recipient's parent/guardian is required to provide insurance covering damage or theft of the instrument. Most commonly instruments can be inexpensively insured through the recipient's homeowner's or renter's insurance policy. The HFAA can provide information on inexpensive sources of insurance.
7. The loan recipient's parent/guardian is responsible for paying shipping charges (if not within driving distance) to have the instrument sent to them at the beginning of the loan period and returned at the end of the loan period (between \$75 and \$100 per shipment, depending on distance).
8. In the event that the instrument is damaged, it must be returned to the instrument custodian for repairs. The loan recipient's parent/guardian is responsible for all shipping charges.

YOUNG STUDENT HARDINGFELE LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

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Fiddle size: 1/2 size 3/4 size

Has the applicant previously played *hardingfele*? Yes No If yes, for how many months/years _____

Has the applicant previously played violin? Yes No If yes, for how many months/years _____

Has the applicant played any other instrument(s)? Yes No If yes, which instrument(s) and for how many months/years _____

Is the applicant's parent/guardian a member of the HFAA? (not required to receive loan) Yes No
If yes, for how long? _____ years

MUSICAL RESUME

The musical resume should include information about the musical instrument(s) the applicant plays, musical education and/or training, and additional information at your discretion. The resume need not be more than one page.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement should include personal information about the applicant, his or her academic background and future plans regarding the study of string instruments, especially hardingfele, other folk instruments, folk traditions, etc. If the applicant's parent/guardian is not the applicant's mentor, please include a short statement of the parent/guardian's commitment to help the applicant care for and practice the hardingfele. The personal statement need not be more than one page.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

If the applicant's parent/guardian is not the applicant's mentor, submit a letter of reference from the individual who will serve as the applicant's mentor, addressing the following:

- The mentor's experience teaching bowed stringed instruments
- How often the mentor is willing to meet with the applicant
- The mentor's opinion of the applicant's motivation and aptitude

If the applicant has a particular interest in folk music or hardingfele, please describe this interest as well.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 15

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Via email: youngstudent@hfaa.org

Via regular mail: HFAA Young Student Hardingfele Loan Committee, % Mira Dickey, 406 Hammack Dr., Austin, TX 78752. Clearly label all scholarship application materials with your name, address, telephone number and email address. No application materials will be returned.

QUESTIONS? E-mail youngstudent@hfaa.org or president@hfaa.org.