



THE MARTIN GUITAR CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation was established in 1996 by Christian Frederick Martin IV to serve the charitable interests of Martin Guitar Company. The Foundation supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations with programs in Foundation target areas.

The Foundation's core principles are to support Martin Guitar's engagement with non-profit music, arts, education, and environmental action organizations. The Foundation does not fund political or religious organizations or activity. The Trustees manage the Foundation's assets conservatively to allow for long term planning, and seek best value from Foundation grant-making for the people and causes that their grantees serve.

The Foundation supports the best work of effective 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations offering programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Performance, Participation, and education in acoustic steel string guitar music
- Community activity in the Nazareth, PA region
- Study and preservation of America's acoustic guitar heritage
- Arts education programs emphasizing acoustic guitar
- Educational institutions in the Lehigh Valley
- Promotion of arts and culture, mainly in the Lehigh Valley
- Help for the poor, hungry, sick, and homeless in the Lehigh Valley
- Environmental action related to guitar-making materials and processes

The Foundation does not provide any Martin Guitar products or make grants to individuals.

The Foundation accepts requests for grant funding during the period of June 1 to August 31. **Requests must be received before September 1 to be considered for funding.** Foundation grants are typically given in the range of \$1,000 to \$10,000. Please make your request **no longer than two pages**. Please include:

- A brief overview of the organization, mission statement and total budget for the organization
- Description of the program seeking funding and the impact that program will have on the greater community that you serve. Please include a budget for the program and the amount you are requesting.
- **Prior grantees** should submit a one page report on the impact their prior grant has had on the community and how the foundation has been recognized throughout the year.
- Please include contact name, position, organization name, organization address, phone number, website address and phone number.
- 501(c)(3) determination letter.
- List of current board members and their affiliation.
- First two pages of the organization's 990

Renewal of Foundation grants is not automatic. Requests from prior year grantees should be sent prior to September 1 and should include a separate one-page report of how the Foundation's funds were used, the impact of Foundation support, and how the Foundation was recognized. Please email your materials to martinguitarfoundation@gmail.com or to C.F. Martin Inc., Attn: Martin Guitar Charitable Foundation, 510 Sycamore Street, PO Box 329, Nazareth, PA 18064.

We receive many requests for funding. Telephoning or emailing company representatives concerning grant requests will not increase the likelihood of funding. Our decision process is competitive, and we are not able to fund every request.