



Giving & Back

Osceola Heritage Music Festival, Inc.

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Osceola MusicFest Reggie Young Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2026

About the Scholarship

As a nonprofit organization, Osceola Heritage Music Festival, Inc. wants to turn a portion of our festival proceeds back into the community. As its name indicates, music is at the forefront of what we do, and without some of our local performers like Reggie Young, Albert King, Son Seals, and so many more, the musical landscape as we know it would look a whole lot different. Our musical heritage has inspired us to help cultivate the next generation of performers and set a spark that will ignite a lifelong passion for music with our local youth.

It's an unfortunate reality that many students that are in music programs in high school stop playing or singing once they graduate. Though a very, very small number go on to major in music, there are significantly more that choose a different career path, but are still very musically talented and enjoy performing. **We want to encourage expanding the love for music beyond high school by offering this \$1000 scholarship to two graduating seniors (one each from Osceola High School and Rivercrest High School) that have been involved in music programs such as choir or band for two years or more.**

About Reggie Young

Known as "America's Guitar Player," Reggie Young is the most-recorded guitarist ever. He was born in Missouri but raised in Osceola until his family moved to Memphis in 1949 when he was 15. From the early days of Rockabilly to the dawn of Memphis R&B and Soul, Reggie Young was there. From Top 40 Pop hits to gutbucket Bar Room Juke Box Country, Reggie Young was there too. Few, if any, guitarists can lay claim to the amount of chart success he has had over the years, in virtually every genre imaginable.

Reggie was lead guitarist in the American Sound Studio house band, The Memphis Boys (who were responsible for around 120 hit singles between 1967 and 1971), and was a leading session musician. He played on various recordings with artists such as Elvis Presley, Merrilee Rush, B.J. Thomas, John Prine, Dusty Springfield, Herbie Mann, J.J. Cale, Dionne Warwick, Roy Hamilton, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, the Box Tops, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Merle Haggard, Joey Tempest, George Strait, and The Highwaymen.

Young was nominated for a Grammy, and also performed at the Kennedy Center in honor of Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson. Country Music Hall of Fame recognized Young in 2008 as a "Nashville Cat". The Memphis Boys, along with Chips Moman, received acknowledgement in August 2009 by the Memphis Grammy Chapter for their pioneering work on Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds" during a Graceland fan reception. After almost 45 years of playing together, this was their first award.



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Osceola MusicFest Reggie Young Memorial Scholarship 2026 Application

| Applicant Contact Information | |
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| Name | |
| School | |
| Grad Year | |
| Address | |
| Phone | |
| Email | |

| Do you perform music publicly with a school-sponsored musical ensemble (band, choir, etc.)? | | | |
|---|--|-------------|--|
| Group | | Group | |
| # of Years | | # of Years | |
| Instr./Part | | Instr./Part | |
| Director | | Director | |
| Accolades | | Accolades | |

| Do you perform music publicly outside of a school-sponsored ensemble (community group, church, etc.)? | | | |
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| Group | | Group | |
| # of Years | | # of Years | |

| Do you plan to attend college? Or are you currently attending college? | |
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| School | |
| Major | |

| What has your involvement been with music while in school and what are your plans after graduation? |
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Return completed application by March 31, 2026 to:
Osceola Heritage Music Festival, Inc.
Attn: Scholarships
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