



Mississippi Blues Commission Blues Musicians Benevolent Fund

MISSION

Many of Mississippi's blues musicians are living in extreme poverty, in need of food, shelter, medical care and other assistance. House Bill No. 1160 allows the Mississippi Blues Commission (MBC) to "raise and expend grant funds to provide assistance to any blues musician in need." The Benevolent Committee of the MBC has been set up to oversee the distribution of these funds.

ELIGIBILITY

Any established blues musician with a demonstrated need will be eligible to apply for assistance not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in any given 12-month period.

PROCESS

All requests for assistance will be forwarded to the Chair of the Benevolent Committee to be considered by the full committee. To facilitate a prompt response the Committee will consider these requests at a regular meeting or electronically. Recommendations for support will be submitted to the MBC for final approval. Applicants will be notified of the MBC's decision as soon as possible.

Mississippi Blues Commission Assistance Application

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Stage Name: _____

Social Security #: _____

Age: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Recording Artist: Yes No Group Name: _____

Musician: Yes No Other: _____

Record Label: _____

Recordings: _____ Year: _____

Reason for Request:

Mississippi Blues Commission Assistance Application:

In completion of this Mississippi Blues Commission Emergency Financial Assistance Application, I, the undersigned, understand and agree to the following:

- Submission of this application does not automatically entitle me to any assistance. Any assistance provided is granted on a case by case basis and intended to be emergency aid only.
- The Mississippi Blues Commission reserves the right to approve or deny assistance to applicants. Unsigned, incomplete or illegible applications may be rejected. Applications may also be denied for reasons including, those who are ineligible, have provided false information, failed to investigate and access available financial resources including alternative work and qualifying public benefits programs.
- The Mississippi Blues Commission reserves the right to communicate with responsible individuals and/or agencies and organizations for the purpose of obtaining and verifying information pertaining to my eligibility, financial situation and/or medical status.
- I hereby certify that I have completed all questions of this application to the best of my ability and that all facts stated herein are true. I understand that any false information and misrepresentations provided will disqualify me from any assistance.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Enclosures: Yes or No

Mail Application to:
Dr. Edgar Smith
Attn: The Mississippi Blues Commission
5934 Paddock Place
Jackson, MS 39206