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**ESS WSF2025**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**of \$550/€500**  
**for**  
**ESS MEMBERS**



# 10 ESS WSF2025 Scholarships of \$550/€500 each available for ESS Members

Applications are now open!



## Where is the WSF 2025?

The next World Shakuhachi Festival (WSF) will be from 17. to 20 April 2025 at Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas, USA. This will be the 8th WSF and the first since London WSF in 2018.

## What is happening there?

There will be 55+ invited international guests, featuring the highest level of global shakuhachi performers. Festival registration gives you admission to 10 concerts, participation in more than 72 workshops, R/T chartered coach transportation to Round Top Concert Hall, three catered events, including the gala dinner in Round Top, Tote bag, T-shirt, festival badge and the WSF 2025 programme booklet.

## Who is eligible?

All ESS members are eligible and welcome to apply.

## I am only a beginner, can I also apply?

Yes all ESS members regardless of their playing experience or playing level may apply. The ESS wants to support as much a diverse selection of its members as possible.

## What other criteria are there for selection?

At the heart of your application is a short essay (~300 words) telling us about your circumstances, in terms of finance and in regards to your shakuhachi journey, and what you think you will gain from your attendance of the WSF2025. Otherwise, to spread the joy as much as possible, we will aim to represent a variety of countries, playing levels, schools and styles to honour our remit of supporting all shades of shakuhachi practice. We are particular encouraging our European members to see this as a great opportunity to be part of the WSF next year.

## Great stuff, how do I apply?

Head over to the WSF2025 website and go the page <https://wsf2025.com/scholarships>. There will be a link to the online application form waiting for you. Please note ESS Scholarship applications can only be made through this dedicated online form. No applications or other supporting materials send by email or in other ways to the ESS will be considered. By applying to the ESS Scholarship you also accepting our Terms & Conditions (see below).

### **How much is the award of the ESS WSF2025 Scholarship?**

The ESS scholarship amount of \$550/€500 contains two elements. There is a full fee waiver of the WSF 2025 “early bird” registration fee (\$350). WSF 2025 will provide ESS scholarship recipients with a designated “PROMOCODE” to register for free.

The additional \$200, which may e.g. support travel expenses, or other costs in relation to the WSF2025 attendance at the discretion of the recipient, will be received after showing proof of registration.

All scholarship recipients, in the same manner as regular attendees who pay for their registration fees, will also receive an online discount code to book the WSF 2025 selected hotels for a special discounted rate.

### **Isn't there also some other WSF2025 Scholarships too?**

Yes, there are two different scholarships. There is a WSF 2025 Scholarship Fund for general participants worldwide. Additionally, there are 10 ESS Scholarships reserved for ESS Members only. There are part of the same application form. By indicating your ESS membership you will automatically be considered for the ESS Scholarship. Applicants may receive one or the other, but not both. An unsuccessful ESS members scholarship application may still be considered by the WSF Scholarship selection committee and may receive a WSF 2025 “early bird” registration fee waiver if remaining funds allow.

### **What are the deadlines?**

The deadline for submitting the applications is December 15, 2024.

Scholarship application results will be reported to all applicants by December 26, 2024.

### **Will I be mentioned in the programme?**

Yes, by default all scholarship recipients will have their name listed in the WSF 2025 programme unless otherwise requested by the recipient.

Good luck!

The ESS Board

[www.shakuhachisociety.eu](http://www.shakuhachisociety.eu)

## **Terms & Conditions**

In the event that an ESS scholarship recipient will not attend the WSF2025 after all, due to personal or other outside circumstances, and if the additional \$200 have already been given to the recipient, this \$200 needs to be given back to the ESS within a to be agreed time span.

The registration fees waiver issued by the WSF2025 through the ‘PROMOCODE’ cannot be exchanged to the equivalent amount in cash.

Also, in the same manner, the WSF 2025 cancellation/refund policy is not applicable for registrations made through a ‘PROMOCODE’ issued as part of the ESS Scholarship award.

The decision of the ESS selection panel is final.

ESS Board Members and ESS Advisors cannot apply for the ESS WSF2025 Scholarship.