The Flanders Award for Traditional Vermont Music provides a stipend to a Vermont musician aged 15-29 to support the perpetuation and performance of the traditional Yankee and Franco-American musical repertoire of the state.

Award funds are intended to offset the cost of travel to one or more Vermont archival repositories so the recipient can work in person with collections of field recordings, manuscripts and rare books of vocal song or instrumental music rooted in the cultural heritage of the state.

In addition to assisting with travel costs, Award funds also serve to encourage learning and rehearsal of songs/music as well as basic research into the history, social context and/or performance of the selected materials.

Examples of potential areas of basic research include the history of the selected songs, biographical details of the performers recorded by researchers, or some relevant aspect of the history of the communities in which the song was documented.

At the conclusion of the project Awardees will give a public presentation and performance at a school or other location.

Project needs to be completed in one calendar year from notification of receipt of Award, and project progress will be reviewed at six months. Funds will be disbursed in two parts, half at the commencement of the project and half upon its successful conclusion. Progress will be reviewed at 6 months.

Applications for the 2020 Flanders Award for Traditional Vermont Music are due by 5pm on February 14, 2020 and should be submitted to Andy Kolovos (akolovos@vermontfolklifecenter.org). Based on the quality of applications received in a given year, the review committee reserves the right to forgo making an Award during that cycle.

The Flanders Award for Traditional Vermont Music is supported by the Flanders Fund at the Vermont Folklife Center.

Each application should address the following questions:

- What are the archival repositories you will visit?
- With which archival collections do you intend to work?
- What do you hope to learn through your project?
- What is your plan for sharing what you learn with the residents of the state?

Applicants under 18 at the time of submission must identify a qualified adviser or mentor who can guide them toward the successful completion of their Award project. The six month progress meeting must include the adviser/mentor.

For applicants under 18 at time of submission:

- Signed letter from a parent or guardian
- Name and affiliation of qualified adviser/mentor
- Letter of commitment from identified adviser/mentor