

## Volunteer Spotlight: Addie Maas

### How long have you been a volunteer with MBOTMA?

Three years

### What current volunteer role(s) do you have with MBOTMA?

I do a little bit of everything. I help out on most of the committees as well as make sure the festivals themselves run smoothly.

### What MBOTMA volunteer role(s) have you held in the past?

I have pretty much done everything! I have helped stage manage, ticket table, merch table, you name it, I've tried it!

### How long have you been part of MBOTMA and what brought you into the organization?

I have been a part of the organization since I was born! My mom played in a bluegrass band (The Christensen Sisters) so I grew up going to the festivals! She also was the showcase coordinator for a few years, so I would follow her around doing that, so that is what kind of got me interested in the festivals.



### Why are you a MBOTMA volunteer?

I am a MBOTMA volunteer because I am so passionate about this organization and the music it promotes.

### Do you have a favorite festival or activity at a festival?

My favorite festival is the August Fest! It is my favorite week of the summer, and its a blast getting to camp, being with friends and listening to some great music.

### How has being a volunteer impacted you?

I have learned so much being a volunteer. I have met so many friends along the way. This organization showed me what my purpose in life is, and that is to promote bluegrass music.

### What are some of your hobbies and interests?

I love traveling down south to different bluegrass festivals. I enjoy playing and singing with my family too! I also love playing volleyball with friends.

### Do you have a fun story about being a volunteer or about MBOTMA that you'd like to share?

I went down to Raleigh, NC to the IBMA conference in the fall of 2019 as a representative of MBOTMA, and it was truly a life changing experience. I met so many great people while I was there, and it opened so many doors of opportunity. I will forever be grateful to MBOTMA for that experience.

### What's a fun fact about you?

I am moving to Tennessee in January!

### What would you tell a new MBOTMA member/volunteer?

You will meet some of the most caring and compassionate people in this organization. We are like a big family! It's a blast.