

FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Scholarships are for undergraduate degrees only

**DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1
OF THE APPLICATION YEAR AND MAILED TO:**

**Fine Arts Society of Sarasota
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1432, Sarasota, FL 34230-1432**

Note: Application by email is not accepted, however the forms are available on our website

<https://fineartssarasota.org>

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- U.S. citizen and current legal resident of Sarasota County for at least the past two (2) years
- Majoring in Fine Arts (Visual and Performing Arts: Painting, Illustration, Sculpture, Design, Music, Dance, Theater, Creative Writing, Photography, Digital Art, Motion Design, Film, Architecture, etc.) in a U.S. College or University
- Exemplary artistic talent
- Established financial need
- Good character
- Documented academic accomplishments
- Clear professional career goals in the arts
- Evidence of extracurricular activities – in school and in the community
- Evidence of honors – in school and from the community

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND CHECK OFF THESE REQUIREMENTS ON THE ATTACHED CHECKLIST AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.

Accurate and complete responses to all questions are required.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please submit your completed application form along with:

- A flash drive OR link to an internet site (YouTube, Soundcloud, Vimeo, school website or other site) OR DVD/CD demonstrating your talent. Data Formats may be .jpg, .gif, .txt, .doc, .pdf, .pptx, MOV, MP4 (MPEG4), AVI, WMV, FLV.
- A written description to accompany the flash drive or link describing the art submitted in the application.
- Three (3) current and original letters of reference relating to your talent, academic ability, good character and other personal attributes. Each letter of reference must be in separate sealed envelope, on official letterhead. If the reference is not on a letterhead, please include a contact number. Use academic advisers, teachers, professors (some employers if they know of your artistic talent.) Do not use family or friends.

- A separate essay (written in your own words) regarding the area of your artistic talent, your dedication to education to enhance your artistic talent and your life in general. Indicate your career aspirations in the arts at present, and your career goals in the arts in the future.
- A current 2"x 3" photograph of yourself.
- A copy of Pages 1 & 2 ONLY from your Federal Income **Tax Form 1040** or, your parent (s) Federal Income **Tax Form 1040** for the past year—for each parent if filed separately. Use which ever form is most current and applicable.
- **If you are a high school senior:** Transcripts of your grades for the past two years. The transcripts must be originals, with the school imprint, and in a sealed envelope.
- **If you are presently a Fine Arts Society Scholar:** Transcripts of your college grades for the past year. The transcripts must be original, with school imprint, and in a sealed envelope.
- **If you are presently in a school of higher education, but not a current Fine Arts Society Scholar:** Transcripts for all high school and college courses taken to date. These transcripts must be originals with school imprints, and in a sealed envelope.
- **For Performing Arts Applicants:** Submit 2-3 performance pieces up to 3 minutes each. Solo performances are preferred, but if performing with a group, please identify yourself in the description and also include at least 1 minute of solo performance. If a vocal performance, please check sound quality to be sure your voice is clearly heard above the music and include at least a portion sung a cappella. A close up recording of the performance is preferred to long lens view from back of theater. Please also indicate if you choreographed, wrote lyrics or composed the music in your description.
- **For Visual Arts Applicants:** Include at least 2 works that have been completed in the current school year and up to 7 pieces total. Note dates of when pieces were completed in your description of each work.
- **For Creative Writing Applicants:** Submit 2-3 samples of writing with descriptions of each and dates completed.

Applications will not be accepted if postmarked after March 1 of the application year.

To confirm our timely receipt of your Application, monitor your delivery tracking number.

We handle all information received in strictest confidence. Your information will be disclosed only to members of the Scholarship Committee in their direct responsibility in the evaluation of your qualifications for a Fine Arts Scholarship Award.

No material submitted will be returned.

Letters announcing the awards will be emailed after the final selection in mid-April of the application year.

If you have any additional questions, please email info@fineartssarasota.org

FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA, INC. Scholarship

Please fill out the form in INK and please make all answers clear and legible.

NAME _____ Current School or College Attending _____

Home Address, City, St, County, ZIP _____

Mailing Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Which of the fine arts is your specific interest (*You may check more than one.*)

Creative Writing _____ Painting _____ Illustration _____ Sculpture _____ Design _____ Music _____ Dance _____ Theater _____

Architecture _____ Photography _____ Digital Art _____ Motion Design _____ Film _____ Other (specify) _____

Further Description _____

Your most recent computed cumulative Grade Point Average. _____ (*Submit transcripts for all high school and college courses taken to date. These must be originals, with school imprints and in sealed envelopes.*)

List your extracurricular activities in school and community. List community and academic honors.

Are you a U.S. citizen and current legal resident of Sarasota County for at least 2 years? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a job now or during the summer? _____ If yes, Describe Briefly _____

Are you married? _____ If yes, Spouse's Occupation _____

Father's name? _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Mother's name? _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Do you have brothers or sisters? If yes, indicate ages and where in school or employed.

What was family's total income during the last 12 months? Check one line below:

Less than \$20,000 ___ \$20,000-\$29,999 ___ \$30,000-\$39,999 ___ \$40,000-\$49,999 ___ \$50,000-\$59,999 ___
\$60,000-\$69,999 ___ \$70,000-\$79,999 ___ \$80,000-\$89,999 ___ \$90,000-\$99,999 ___ \$100,000+ ___

Submit a copy of Pages 1 & 2 Only of your parents most current Federal Income Tax Form 1040, your Income Tax Form, and if your parents file separately, submit a 1040 for each parent.

List Colleges/Universities where you have applied or are currently attending. They must be U.S. institutions.

College/University costs:

College Name/Year _____ Tuition \$ _____ Board + Room /Fees\$* _____

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**Please include total cost if you will live on campus.*

Year entering: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Document all Grants, Scholarships and Loans pending or received for the upcoming year.

Grants/Scholarships

Florida Prepaid PLAN _____ \$ _____
Bright Futures \$ _____
Pell Grant \$ _____ Academic Scholarship \$ _____
Merit Scholarship \$ _____ College Scholarship \$ _____
Federal Work Study \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Loans

Perkins Loan \$ _____ Subsidized Stafford Loan \$ _____
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan \$ _____
Other _____ \$ _____
Other _____ \$ _____

If needed, we reserve the right to request your FAFSA EFC Form as well as a Financial Awards Letter from your College/University for the upcoming year or previous year, whichever is available at that time.

YOUR SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED



NOTE TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT: PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET TO ANYONE WHO IS WRITING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ON YOUR BEHALF.

**FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

INFORMATION FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

IN WRITING THIS LETTER, please focus on the following:

**Artistic Talent
Character
Academic Achievement**

Your personal comment on the individual is also desired. This recommendation is **CRITICAL** to the Committee in evaluating this applicant. Please use official letterhead, or supply contact information if not.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR _____

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_____ Description of the work(s) or performance

_____ 2" x 3" photo of yourself

_____ Federal Income Tax form (pages 1 and 2 of 1040 only)

_____ Official Transcripts(s)

_____ 3 Sealed letters of recommendation

_____ Student essay