

FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Scholarships are for undergraduate degrees only

APPLICATIONS should be mailed to:

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

DEADLINE:

**Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1 of the application year.
Application by email is not accepted.**

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- U.S. citizen and legal resident of Sarasota County for at least two (2) years
- 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 response to all the questions is required.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please submit:

- A flash drive OR link to an internet site (YouTube, Soundcloud, Vimeo or other site) OR DVD/CD demonstrating your talent.
- We request a description to accompany, describing the artwork; identifying the applicant when involved in a dance ensemble; indicating if the performance is choreographed by the applicant; or if a musician, if the work was also composed by the applicant.
- A current 2 x 3 inch photograph of yourself.

- A copy of: Your Federal Income **Tax Form 1040** or, your parent (s) Federal Income **Tax Form1040** for the past year—for each parent if filed separately. Use which ever form is most current and applicable. Send pages 1 & 2 only.
- **If you are a high school senior:** Transcripts of your grades for the past two years with your application. The transcripts must be originals, with the school imprint, and in a sealed envelope.
- **If you are presently a Fine Arts Society Scholar:** Submit transcripts of your college grades for the past year with your application. 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 Fine Arts Society Scholar:** submit transcripts for all high school and college courses taken to date with your application. These transcripts must be originals with school imprints, and in a sealed envelope.
- **For all applicants:** Submit with 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 and included in your application. 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.
- Attach a separate statement (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.

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

We handle all information received in strictest confidence.

No material submitted will be returned.

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.

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 FASSc@gmail.com.

FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA, INC. Scholarship

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

NAME _____ School or College _____

Home Address, City, St, County, ZIP _____

Mailing Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

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

Creative Writing _____ Painting _____ Design _____ Sculpture _____
Architecture _____ Music _____ Theater _____ Dance _____
Photography _____ Other (specify) _____

Further Description _____

2. 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.*)

3. List all your extra curricular activities in school and community. List honors.

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

5. Do you have a job? _____ Describe Briefly _____

6. Work in the summer? _____ Describe Briefly _____

7. Are you married? _____ Spouse's Occupation _____

8. Father's name? _____ Occupation/Employer _____

9. Mother's name? _____ Occupation/Employer _____

10. Brother/Sisters in school/college. Indicate ages and if in school or employed.

11. What was family's total income during the last 12 months? Include income tax form 1040, pages 1 and 2.

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| 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 or higher _____ | | |

Submit a copy 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.

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

College/University costs:

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

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

Year entering: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

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

Grants/Scholarships

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

Loans

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|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Perkins Loan | \$ _____ | Subsidized Stafford Loan | \$ _____ |
| | | Unsubsidized Stafford Loan | \$ _____ |
| 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.

14. Submit three (3) current letters of reference, on official letterhead or with contact number, relating to your TALENT, academic ability, good character, and other personal attributes. Each letter of reference must be in a separate sealed envelope and included with your application. Do not use a family member or friend as a reference.

15. Attach a separate essay written by you regarding your ARTISTIC TALENTS, YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS AT PRESENT, AND YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE.

16. Include a current 2" X 3" photograph of yourself.

17. NOTE: Performance and fine arts applicants must submit a talent sample. A flash drive OR link to an internet site (YouTube, Soundcloud, Vimeo or other site OR DVD/CD) may be used. Solo work is preferred; however, if group work is shown, please identify the applicant. Also indicate if work is choreographed or composed by applicant. A written description of visual art submissions is required.

YOUR SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED



FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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 _____

Application CHECKLIST

_____ A flash drive **OR** link to an internet site (YouTube, Soundcloud, Vimeo or other site) **OR** DVD/CD demonstrating your talent

_____ Description of the work(s) or performance

_____ 2 X 3 photo

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

_____ Official Transcripts(s)

_____ 3 Sealed letters of recommendation

_____ Student essay

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