



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Scholarships are for undergraduate degrees only.

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

Deadline for receipt of all materials is **on or before February 15th** of the application year. Letters announcing the awards will be emailed after the final selection in mid-April of the application year.

Application Requirements:

Print and read carefully. Check off these requirements as you complete your application.

- Have your files and necessary documents prepared in advance.
- Allow time to be sure you have submitted everything correctly.
- Essays and images to be uploaded must include your name in the file name.
- Accurate and complete responses to all questions are required.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Evaluation Criteria for Scholarships:

- US Citizen and legal resident of Sarasota or Manatee Counties in Florida for at least one year.
- 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.) at a US 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

REQUIREMENTS

Complete the online application forms and submit the following:

Three Letters of Recommendation

There must be **three (3) current letters of recommendation** submitted using our **online form**. We will only accept **online submissions**! Please follow up with your recommenders to confirm all three have been submitted. <https://www.artsadvocates.org/recommendation-form>

Federal Tax Forms

Mail 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). Be sure to hide any Social Security numbers.

Transcripts

Transcripts can either be mailed to Arts Advocates or submitted electronically. Please follow the directions on the website application form.

- **For high school seniors:** Current high school transcript.
- **For current Arts Advocates Scholars:** Current college transcript.
- **For college students who are not current Arts Advocates Scholars:** Transcripts for high school and college courses taken to date.

ALL APPLICANTS

Submit a Personal Essay:

Submit an essay (in your own words) regarding the area of your artistic talent and your dedication to education to enhance your artistic talent. Indicate your career aspirations in the arts at present, and your career goals in the arts in the future.

- Essays and images to be uploaded **must include your name in the file name**.
- Please attach your personal essay as a PDF where indicated in the online form.
- Submit the proper file types of your work product, accompanied by a written description of the work submitted.

If you have any questions, please email: scholarship@artsadvocates.org

FOR PERFORMING ARTS APPLICANTS

Submit 2-3 performance piece video links* up to three (3) minutes each.

- Solo performances are preferred, but if performing in a group, please identify yourself in the written description and also submit a one-minute 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.
- If a dance performance, include examples of choreographed movements with music.
- A close up recording of the performance is preferred to a long lens view from back of theater.
- Please also indicate in your written description if you choreographed, wrote lyrics or composed the music.

**YouTube, Vimeo links only. Please make sure these are public (not private or password protected) videos. Include these links where indicated in the online form.*

FOR VISUAL ARTS AND 2 + 4 PROGRAM APPLICANTS

Submit six (6) images of your work, with at least two (2) works that have been completed in the current school year. Images must include your name in the file name.

- Note dates of when pieces were completed in your description of each work.
- Please attach **JPG** or **PNG** files where indicated in the online form.
- Please compress your images: <https://compressor.io>
- If submitting a video, please send YouTube or Vimeo links only. Please make sure these are public (not private or password protected) videos. Include these links where indicated in the online form.

For 2 + 4 Program Applicants (i.e. Architecture), please note: Applications for scholarship will be accepted for up to 4 years of the educational program.

FOR CREATIVE WRITING APPLICANTS

Submit 2-3 samples of writing with descriptions of each and dates completed.

- Please attach these samples as **PDFs** that include your name in each file name where indicated in the online form.