

# ARTS ADVOCATES

## Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, Inc.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**  
Scholarships are for undergraduate and graduate degrees

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

**Arts Advocates: Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, Inc.  
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://artsadvocates.org>

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- ★ U.S. citizen and current legal resident of Florida for at least the past one (1) 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 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 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 an Arts Advocates: 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 Arts Advocates: 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.

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**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 an Arts Advocates: 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 [scholarships@artsadvocates.org](mailto:scholarships@artsadvocates.org)**

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## 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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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

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Fine Arts Society of Sarasota, Inc.**

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

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FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF SARASOTA, INC.  
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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Sealed letters of recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Student essay