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## Merit Scholarship Application Guidelines – Summer 2019

Thanks to many generous individuals, organizations, foundations and fundraising events, The Fine Arts Association (FAA) offers Merit Scholarships to FAA students. FAA adheres to the guidelines and procedures outlined below. Applications are available on FAA's website at <https://www.fineartsassociation.org/education/class-information.html#scholarships> or at the Customer Service Center.

Merit Scholarship Deadlines	Summer
Applications Available	Now
Application Submission Deadline	Friday, April 26
Applications Reviewed	Week of April 29
Scholarship Notifications Mailed	Friday, May 3

### Eligibility

- Applicants should have been enrolled in classes or lessons at The Fine Arts Association within the past year.
- Applicants must be referred by a current or previous faculty of FAA.

### Guidelines

1. A **COMPLETED** and signed application **WITH** a signed and completed Faculty Referral Form must be returned by the above deadline. Late and incomplete applications will be **NOT** be reviewed.
2. The amount of available scholarship funds varies by session and year.
3. Merit applications must be completed by the parents/guardians of students under 18 years of age.
4. Full and partial scholarships are awarded based on the individual's achievements without regard to race, sex, religion, age, disability or national origin.
5. Other discounts, additional scholarships, or special promotions cannot be applied to a balance due for the lesson/class for which the scholarship was granted.
6. Recipients of Merit Scholarships may be requested to volunteer. This may include assisting at FAA events or performing or speaking for a funding organization event.
7. Recipients are encouraged to write a thank you letter to the funding agency. Letters should be submitted to FAA's director of education.
8. Tuition balance must be paid before the first class. Payment plans are available for balances over \$200.
9. Merit scholarships will be limited to one class/series of private lessons per person per session.
10. Scholarships are not transferable. Unused funds are not carried forward to subsequent sessions or another area of study and cannot be shared with family members.
11. Prior habitual and excessive absenteeism will be taken under consideration during the selection process.
12. If a student withdraws, scholarship monies are not refunded.
13. All applications are reviewed by FAA's CEO, director of education and director of development using specific review criteria.
14. All decisions are final. Anyone disputing a decision should complete an Appeal Form that can be found on FAA's website or at the Customer Service Center.