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## Dedication Scholarship Application Guidelines

Thanks to many generous individuals, organizations, foundations and fundraising events, The Fine Arts Association (FAA) offers Dedication Scholarships to FAA students. FAA adheres to the guidelines and procedures outlined below. Applications are available on FAA's or at the Customer Service Center. FAA's Dedication Scholarships reward a student's commitment to FAA and to their craft. Criteria considered include length of tenure at FAA and faculty referral.

### Eligibility

Three award tiers are available, dependent on available funding. Students are eligible for each tier, so long as all guidelines (below) are met, based on the number of years they have been a student at FAA and are recommended by an FAA faculty member. A limited number of awards are available at each level. Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee an award at that level.

Award Levels (awards are for the full academic year)

- \$200 – for students entering at least their second year at FAA
- \$350 – for students entering at least their fourth year at FAA
- \$600 – for students entering at least their seventh year at FAA

For students who have attended FAA non-consecutively, a "year" is defined as 2 full sessions. One full session is defined as 18-week private music lessons, 16 or 18-week theatre/art/dance classes, or a combination of shorter sessions. Summer sessions are considered separately for summer scholarships.

### 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 **NOT** be reviewed.
2. The amount of available scholarship funds varies by session and year.
3. Dedication 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 session(s) for which the scholarship was granted.
6. Recipients of Dedication 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. Dedication Scholarships, regardless of the total amount awarded, can be applied to UP TO 65% of a student's total tuition bill.
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.