
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Updated 2023

Please read before completing the application!

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Community School of the Arts will award a limited number of scholarships, based on availability of funds. Scholarships are provided to assist students or students who demonstrate financial need. All prior scholarships and other financial aid already awarded will be taken into consideration when determining eligibility.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of the institutional scholarship are required to:

- Maintain satisfactory artistic talent
- Have and maintain a satisfactory attendance record at rehearsals, lessons, and performances
- US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Not be related to any CSA faculty, staff, or board member

II. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Complete and submit a scholarship application with the items listed below

- Teacher Recommendation
- Student Questionnaire
- Parent Questionnaire
- Registration form for the class(es) you wish to participate in
- Registration fee associated with each class to be taken (\$25 minimum)
 - Private lesson
 - Ensemble or Group class
 - Theatre Production

III. SELECTION RECIPIENTS

Selections will be based on student's overall artistic talent, attendance, and financial need.

IV. NOTICE OF AWARDS

Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial.

V. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships may be renewed on a semester-by-semester basis, contingent upon satisfactory artistic talent, attendance, and availability of funds. Students must re-apply by the deadline for the semester for a continuation of the scholarship; scholarships do not roll over or re-instate automatically. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is one week prior to the class start date each semester.

VI. REVOCATION OF AID

CSA reserves the right to cancel any scholarship aid awarded at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of academic progress, any other scholarship requirements, fails to follow all CSA policies, or falsifies information reported. Scholarships are not available for the summer semester. **If a student drops mid semester, class or production, the scholarship must be paid back in full.**



Community School of the Arts does not discriminate based on race, color, age, gender, nationality, religion, or disability with respect to access, employment programs, or services.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP
Form is due 1 week prior to registration deadline.

Student's Full Name: _____ M or F (circle)

Student's Date of Birth: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Primary Phone: (_____) _____ Secondary Phone: (_____) _____

Parent Email: _____

Mark One: First Time Applicant Renewing Applicant

Citizen Status: U. S. Citizen

Eligible Non-Citizen *(Must provide copy of Alien Registration Card I-151 or 551)*

Non-Citizen

Are you related by blood or marriage to any CSA faculty, staff, or board member? Yes No

If "Yes", who? _____

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to Community School of the Arts to verify such information and to release information to the donor or potential donor of any scholarship for which I may be eligible.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: _____

Please submit completed application and required documents to:

Community School of the Arts
Attn: Scholarship
P O Box 11881
Fort Smith, AR 72917

CSA TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

NOTE: If the student will be a new student at CSA please use the recommendation form on the next page

This page must be completed in order for the scholarship application to be considered or reviewed.

Student's Name: _____

Instrument\Area of Study: _____

******* Please answer the following questions about this student *******

Did the student miss more than two (2) lessons this past semester? _____

If yes, for what reason(s)? _____

Does she/he come to lessons prepared? _____

If no, please explain _____

Is she/he enthusiastic about musical/artistic/theatrical study? _____

If no, please explain _____

Did this student participate in any CSA recitals/performances? _____

If no, please explain _____

In your opinion, does this student show potential for artistic growth? _____

If no, please explain _____

Do you feel this student should receive financial aid from CSA? _____

Signature of Teacher

Date (month/day/year)



TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

This page must be completed in order for the financial aid application to be considered or reviewed. It is your responsibility to give this form to the individual most closely associated with your background and potential.

Student's Name: _____

Instrument\Area of Study: _____

Recommending Person Name: _____

Recommending Person Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Association with the applicant: _____ Number of years: _____

Assessment of applicant in the following areas: (Please circle)

Commitment to study: Quite high Above average Average Low

Present level of accomplishment: Quite high Above average Average Low

Potential for growth: Quite high Above average Average Low

Do you recommend this student for private study at the Community Music School? _____

Please append any other comments you feel would be useful in considering this student's request for Financial Aid at the Community School of the Arts (Feel free to use the other side or attach additional sheets)

Signature of Teacher

Date (month/day/year)

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

What do you want to study at CSA? (check what you are applying for)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Piano <input type="radio"/> Voice <input type="radio"/> Violin/Viola <input type="radio"/> Cello/Bass <input type="radio"/> Guitar/Ukulele <input type="radio"/> Fiddle/Mandolin <input type="radio"/> Percussion <input type="radio"/> Other: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Woodwinds/Brass <input type="radio"/> Composition/Music Theory <input type="radio"/> Visual Art <input type="radio"/> Dance <input type="radio"/> Theatre <input type="radio"/> Choir <input type="radio"/> Strings |
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What do you hope to learn from taking lessons or this class? _____

What role does this art form play in your life today or in your future, and how will this class/lesson help you in the future?

Explain your family background:



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Assess your student in the following areas: (Please circle)

Student's Commitment to practice:	Quite high	Above average	Average	Low
Student's desire for growth:	Quite high	Above average	Average	Low
Parent's Commitment to Supporting the student:	Quite high	Above average	Average	Low

How many children currently live in your home? _____

Are any of these children applying for or currently receiving scholarship money from CSA besides the student listed in this application? _____

Please list any government assistance programs that your family utilizes (Free/ Reduced Lunch, SNAP, TEA):

Please explain any circumstances that will help us understand your current financial need.



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