

STUDENT APPLICATION GUIDE TO COLLEGE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP & Annual Exhibition 'Student Showcase' Visual & Performing Arts



College Tuition Scholarship

To benefit local high school seniors who are enrolling for Fall 2023 at an accredited college or university to study, art, design, architecture, technology, film, media arts and the performing arts disciplines, music, dance or theatre.

Welcome to the Student Application Guide! We are here to help!

Congratulations on making art, design, technology and/or performing arts an integral part of who you are. It is so rewarding to be inspired, create what you visualize, find your mediums, and develop your voice as an artist. We want to help you understand how to make the most of these opportunities as you complete our Student Application Guide. You may reach out to us throughout the process with any questions or concerns you may have.

It is imperative you submit each part of our application as early as possible, so that you may benefit from the collaborative help we can offer. Most importantly, throughout your upcoming career, it is important to engage and contact the organization or gallery early in their process. A last-minute submission usually gets the least amount of consideration and attention out in the real world. Start with step one of our guide and proceed.

It is sometimes difficult to be an artist who just wants a chance at being seen, and rejection is part of the process, as well as learning from rejection and growing. Don't fear rejection: embrace it. For every rejection an artist receives they may comfort themselves in the fact that they tried where others dissuaded themselves from even taking the chance out of fear or procrastination. You were brave.

Before you begin: Know what you are applying for...

You will always need to be the most proactive advocate of your own worth as an artist, designer, filmmaker, whatever career path you choose.

- **You are applying for a scholarship awarded by The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs.** Scholarships are funded by our generous donors, the heart of our success here in Bonita Springs. The value of scholarships ranges between \$250 to \$1,000 dollars, and number of awards given is contingent on the pool of applicants and donations received.

Or

- **You are applying for the opportunity to exhibit your work at Annual Student Showcase Exhibition sponsored by The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs.**

Step One: Check Your Qualifications

Qualifications for The Centers' College Tuition Scholarship & Annual Student Showcase Exhibition

• Centers' College Tuition Scholarship Program

To qualify, you must be a Senior student, and must either live in Bonita Springs or attend one of our accepted local schools. You must be applying to an accredited college or university to study, art, design, architecture, art/technology, film / media arts or performing arts disciplines, music, dance and theatre. You must submit a portfolio of artwork (10-12 actual artwork pieces 2D; flash-drive or link if performing arts) for our team to review toward recommendation for a scholarship.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive a Certificate naming your Scholarship and the amount of your scholarship. To redeem your scholarship and receive funds, you must

1. Provide the Centers for the Arts of Bonita Springs with proof of registration (not just your acceptance letter) and enrollment in the accredited college or university you will attend. You must be registered to attend the college/university with a major or minor in visual arts, design, architecture, film/media arts or performing arts. Scholarship award checks are mailed directly to the college/university, with instructions to place funds in your student account for tuition, college attendance and expenses.
2. Compose and write a formal multi-paragraph thank you letter to the person or foundation providing your scholarship. Acknowledge your scholarship and let the donor know what this means to you, how it will help you on your path to education and your future career. Your letter must be typed/printed, not handwritten, and must carry an original signature and date. Your letter should be submitted to the Centers for the Arts office, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
3. Participate in the Annual Student Showcase Exhibition at the Centers Galleries, displaying up to six artworks from your portfolio; or your flash-drive or link of performing arts clips/segments
4. Attend the Exhibition Opening for the Annual Student Showcase & Awards Ceremony for College Tuition Scholarships.

• Annual Student Showcase Exhibition at the Centers Galleries

To qualify for the exhibition, you must be a high school student, and must either live in Bonita Springs or attend one of our accepted local schools.

Seniors: From your portfolio, each Senior student selects up to six original pieces of artwork for the annual Student Showcase exhibition.

Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors: Select and submit up to four artworks for consideration in the exhibition; or a flash-drive / link to a mini collection of performing arts clips/segments. While you may not be eligible for the college tuition scholarship yet, this is a great opportunity to show your work, get critical feedback, and build an impressive portfolio.

We provide an entry form for you to complete, filling in your name, contact information, title, medium for each of your artworks and value/NFS (if not for sale); or the price of the artwork, if for sale. You'll need to sign this entry form document when dropping off your artworks for exhibition. We have the forms available at the Centers on Old 41 Road, and we'll also provide your art instructor with copies of our entry form.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility for scholarship or regarding the Annual Student Showcase Exhibition, please give us a call, 239 495 8989.

Ask for the Centers' Youth Education Department or Exhibitions Department

Step Two: Know Your Due Dates... Plan Ahead!

It is vital to know what deadlines you must meet each step of the way, and provide plenty of time to meet those deadlines. Get ahead of the game and mark your calendar. Make a checklist in order to make sure you have covered all of your obligations.

Checklist

Date	Task/Event	Responsibilities	✓
03/01/2023	Prepare Your Portfolio	1. Gather your best work	
		2. Tab or highlight 10-12 works	
		3. Personal Statement	
School Date <small>(March 6, 13, 14, 20-24, 27-30)</small>	Portfolio/Performance Arts Submission	4a. Coordinate with art teacher	
	Reviewed by Centers Staff (in school)	4b. Confirm review date	
04/04/2023	Portfolio/Performance Arts Submission <small>(external applicants) Reviewed at Centers, Old 41 Rd</small>	5. Drop off at Center for Visual Arts	
		26100 Old 41 Rd, w/contact info	
04/28/2023 1-5pm drop off	Seniors Submit Up to 6 Artworks to Centers	6. Artwork selections	
	Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors Submit Up to 4	7. Application & Signed Waiver	
05/01/2023	Confirm Attendance at Reception	8. Respond to email/invite	
05/05/2023	Showcase Reception (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)	9. Award winners must attend	
05/05/2023	Thank You Letter to donor(s)	10. Send formal letter to Centers	
05/12/2023	Art/Portfolio Pickup (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM)	11. Confirm arrangement	

Step Three: Complete Your Checklist

Preparing and Submitting Your Portfolio

Preparing your portfolio, feature your talents and strengths in an easy-to-navigate format. Yours may be one of hundreds of portfolios someone reviews / evaluates, so feature your best and most recent work if you can. If your portfolio is more sprawling, and wish to highlight your evolution as an artist, please “tab” or select your best pieces in your ‘journey’ so that it really makes it easy for someone to review. Trust that if your work stands out, the reviewer will want to look at your other work too. Select anywhere from ten to 12 pieces we need to see and make it easy to navigate.

Those of you with a teacher assisting your portfolio assembly

If your senior portfolio will be reviewed for a college admissions/tuition scholarship at your school, paperwork will be provided by your faculty. Please seek assistance and guidance from staff at your school. Staff here at the Centers will be arranging a visit to your school to review portfolios at each school, and will select any portfolios we want to take a closer look at. Please include your written Personal Statement with your portfolio.

Those of you assembling a portfolio on your own

If your school did not arrange for a group review at your school, or if you are working on it from home, you must submit your portfolio and application independently. Independent portfolio applications must be dropped off (Portfolio, Application and Personal Statement) at the Centers' Center for the Visual Arts office at 26100 Old 41 Road on the appropriate date. Portfolio reviews take approximately 48 hours. You'll be notified when the process is completed and your portfolio can be picked up.

Your Portfolio Has Been Selected! What's Next?

If your portfolio is selected by the Centers, we still need to determine what works to feature in our gallery. This includes your input as well. You may be asked to submit certain pieces that we feel best show your talents. The choice, however, is ultimately yours. What you WILL need to do is prepare up to six pieces for submission by filling out the Artwork Details form.

For Performance Arts submissions: you may have up to six selections on a single flash-drive or link, but ultimately it is up to our evaluators which selections will be highlighted and assessed for the scholarship.

Please include with your Artwork Details/Visual & Performing Arts Application a list of your selections shown in your portfolio that are available for display in the Student Showcase Exhibition, so that our jury can select artwork to display and performances to highlight/show. Contact us with questions.

Being a Courteous Artist: How to Represent Yourself in Public

It is your responsibility before, during, and after a show to present yourself professionally. IF you are selected for a scholarship, it is imperative that you write a thank you letter to the donors responsible for making your scholarship possible for you.

Before the event, respond quickly to your email invitation and clear your schedule for the show!

Winners will be announced at the awards reception at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. **Award winners are required to attend the reception and be present for the awards ceremony to receive their College Tuition Scholarship Certificate and instructions.**

We will be photographing works and will approach you for input for a short video of highlights from the event.

**Submit applications to:
Centers for the Arts of Bonita Springs
ATTN: Youth Education / Exhibitions Director
26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135**

Any questions?

Call us at 239-495-8989 and ask for Youth Education Director or Exhibitions Director
Email us at youthed@artsbonita.org or exhibitions@artsbonita.org

www.artcenterbonita.org

Performing Arts Application: Submission Descriptions

**NOTE: Performing Arts submissions will not be returned
Please submit only copies of your work**

Communications (Video Production) Submit up to two 3-5 minute videos/excerpts of your best work on a flash-drive or through a YouTube link. Email links to youthed@artsbonita.org. Videos will be evaluated on screen composition, story line, and execution of material. This category will be based on artistic medium and should relate to the arts such as a documentary, short film, music videos, etc.

Performance (Dance, Music, Theatre)

Please attach a head shot along with your performance resume. Headshots do not have to be professional photographs. For performance submissions, digital recordings will not be based on the quality of the video nor will scores be counted against your presentation. Although try your best to record using a tripod or placing the video on a flat surface for stability. We will be looking at how well you connect with the audience, artistic expression, evidence of grasped material, and overall execution of the piece.

Dance (Performance or Choreography) Prepare two solo dance pieces each 2 minutes in length of contrasting choreography. Dance styles can be contemporary, ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, or cultural. For choreography provide a flash-drive of 1-2 pieces that you choreographed/directed. Choreographed work can include multiple people and does not have a time limit. Pieces can be sent on a flash-drive or through a YouTube link. Email links to youthed@artsbonita.org

Music (Voice or Instrument) Submit two contrasting pieces or excerpts each up to 2 minutes in length. The pieces can be classical, operatic, Broadway, jazz, or independent. Pieces are to be performed solo and only with a back track if necessary. You can submit your work on a flash-drive or through a YouTube link. Email links to youthed@artsbonita.org

Theatre (Performance or Design) Prepare two 2-minute monologues, one dramatic and one comedic. For design, submit a digital portfolio of 3-6 design pieces (set design, lighting, or costuming.) Monologues can be sent on a flash-drive or through a YouTube link. Email links to youthed@artsbonita.org.

Performing Arts Application: How to Submit Your Work

Please choose only one of the methods below to submit work.

Email Instructions

Subject: Last Name, First Name : Category

Resumes and Headshots: Resumes and headshots must be sent as attachments. Pictures need to be in .jpeg format and documents as .pdf.

Video Titles: Please title your videos.

Piece #1: *Your Title link (YouTube is preferred)*

Piece #2: *Your Title & link (YouTube is preferred)*

Number pieces accordingly if your category allows more submissions.

***ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SENT AT ONE TIME.**

Note: If you accidentally send an incomplete email you must resend all the information; links, picture, and resume with the word "complete" added to the subject heading.

Flash-Drive Instructions

Flash-drive: Please mail or deliver flash-drives by hand to 26100 Old 41 Rd. Bonita Springs FL, 34135.

Labeling: Label your flash-drive with a permanent marker: Last Name, First Name-Category.

Packaging: Flash-drives must be packaged in an envelope with your Last Name, First Name-Category and Attention to: Youth Education Director- labeled on the front.

Format: All file formats for videos should be a .mpeg. or mp4

Please title your files

Piece #1: *Your Title*

Piece #2: *Your Title*

Resumes and Headshots: Include resume on the flash-drive and format your resume as a .pdf. and your headshot as a .jpeg. Please also provide a hard copy of your headshot and resume in the envelope along with your flash-drive.

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Visual & Performing Arts Application: Personal Statement

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Applicants are required to write a personal statement. Statement must be typed/printed. Suggested topics: a brief account of the history of your artistic aspirations, recounting a breakthrough experience. What colleges are you applying to and why? What your goals are as a performer or artist? What career choices are you considering? Applicants may insert this form in their printer, or a separate sheet of paper.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School Presently Attending _____

Grade Point Average _____ Grade: _____

Reproduce & Attach to back of Work

ART WORK #1 ID # <u> (CVA USE) </u> Title _____ _____ Medium(s) _____ Price _____ Value/NFS _____	ART WORK #2 ID # <u> (CVA USE) </u> Title _____ _____ Medium(s) _____ Price _____ Value/NFS _____
ART WORK #3 ID # <u> (CVA USE) </u> Title _____ _____ Medium(s) _____ Price _____ Value/NFS _____	ART WORK #4 ID # <u> (CVA USE) </u> Title _____ _____ Medium(s) _____ Price _____ Value/NFS _____
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WAIVER All reasonable care will be given to entries but the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. All work is subject to these conditions and your signature indicates agreement to comply with exhibitions rules and waiver.

Student's Signature: _____

Guardians Signature: _____ (If student is 17 or younger)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School Presently Attending _____

Grade Point Average _____ Grade: _____

<p>Piece #1</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Category _____</p> <p>Medium _____</p>	<p>Piece #2</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Category _____</p> <p>Medium _____</p>
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