

Center for Fine and Performing Arts (CFPA) Outstanding Senior Scholarship Application

Description:

The *Center for Fine and Performing Arts (CFPA) Outstanding Senior Scholarship* provides financial assistance to graduating seniors enrolling full-time in a fine or performing arts accredited undergraduate program (either as a major or minor), OR, in a certificate program in the fine or performing arts at a qualifying educational institution. (A qualifying educational institution is one that meets the rules set forth in Internal Revenue Code Section 4945(g) for Individual Grants.)

Recipients will be selected based on demonstrated involvement in service to the CFPA program, volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and short responses to prompts.

At least four (4) scholarships, each with a value of \$1000, will be awarded.

Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2024

Eligibility Criteria: Current seniors who are:

1. Members, in good standing*, of the CFPA Program at Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School.
2. Anticipating completion of high school diploma in the current school year at the time of application.
3. Have applied and/or been accepted to and enrolling full-time in an accredited U.S. undergraduate program for Fall 2024, OR, anticipate participating in a certificate program at a qualifying educational institution directly related to the fine or performing arts for Fall 2024.†

Application Materials

To be submitted at the following Google Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/BUtwMQWUHK4W3vh9A>

1. Provide PWCS Student ID and PWCS email address.
2. Provide name and email address for each person providing a letter of recommendation.
3. Submit a resume detailing education in the arts, CFPA involvement, intended career field, extra-curricular activities, volunteer experience, and achievements/accolades. See the following page for required information.
4. Submit an unofficial transcript. The committee will use this to note your current GPA.

5. Respond to two (2) of the following prompts (one page limit per essay):
- A. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
 - B. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
 - C. Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
 - D. Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
 - E. Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.

Letter(s) of Recommendation: To be submitted BY THE AUTHOR to Colgan CFPA Scholarship Committee ColganCFPAScholarships@gmail.com

- 6. A letter of recommendation from a CFPA instructor who knows you well enough to speak to your talent and CFPA involvement.
- 7. OPTIONAL: A second letter of recommendation from a non-CFPA instructor, employer, coach, or community member who knows you well enough to speak to your character, accomplishments, strengths, and community involvement.

*To be a CFPA student in good standing, the student's year-end overall GPA must be a 2.0 "C" or better. Student's year-end grade in their concentration must be a "B" or better. Weighted grades for AP classes only apply toward the overall GPA. If the student is taking an AP course in their concentration area, they must end the year with a "B" in that course.

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Resume of {Name}
Contact Information
(including PWCS email and PWCS Student ID)

EDUCATION

Fine or Performing Arts Program Area(s):

(Indicate focus while at Colgan and any secondary areas)

Undergraduate School/Program:

(Indicate school and any Performing or Fine Art major or minor)

Intended Career Field:

(Indicate the intended career you hope to achieve through your continuing education)

CFPA SERVICE / INVOLVEMENT

VOLUNTEER WORK

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Clubs, Lessons, Jobs, etc.)

HONORS AND AWARDS

*****This list is not all inclusive and this format is not required. We encourage students to be creative and detailed when developing their resume, but please stick to information and experiences learned and accomplished within your high school career. We are not looking for a list of every activity you have ever participated in, every performance of your childhood, etc.*****

In addition to your resume, you will submit two essays by responding to two (2) of the following prompts (one page limit per essay):

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