

2023-24 CFPA Senior Scholarship

- Annual scholarship application release date is December 8, 2023.
- **Annual scholarship deadline is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2024.**
- Winners will be announced at Colgan High School Senior Awards Night each year.

2023-24 CFPA Senior Scholarship Rules

Committee Members

1. Any parent/guardian of a current Colgan High School CFPA student who is not in their senior year is eligible to serve on the committee. No parent/guardian of a Colgan CFPA student may serve on the committee if they have a senior student, regardless of whether or not that student is applying for the scholarship.
2. Committee members will meet via zoom or in person at the times designated by the committee chair prior to the review and selection phases to discuss the application, rubric, and other necessary elements of the scholarship process.
3. After the close of the scholarship application window and allotted time for committee chair to process applications and redact all identifying information, committee members will take possession of packet of anonymous applications, agreeing to read and score each one.
4. Committee members agree to score each applicant based solely on the information the applicant provides in the application package itself, and not based on any outside knowledge one may have of the applicant.
5. Committee members agree to not disclose information in the applications or anything discussed during committee meetings with anyone outside the committee. Committee members who have questions or concerns should contact the committee chair outside meetings to address questions/issues.
6. Committee chair will not participate in the scoring of the applications.
7. Committee members will submit scores in the spreadsheet provided by the chair by the date communicated by the chair. The chair will collate all scores provided by committee members to determine the ranking of all applicants.
8. Committee members will meet via zoom or in person at the close of the scoring window to discuss the results of the scoring. If a tie exists, committee members together with the chair will discuss any finer points of the applications, along with the student's GPA as reported on the unofficial transcript to arrive at a decision.

Student Applicants

1. Must be a current senior who is a:
 - a. Member, in good standing, of the CFPA Program at Charles J. Colgan Senior High School;
 - b. Anticipating completion of high school diploma in current school year at the time of application;
 - c. Must plan to pursue continuing education in the fine or performing arts by enrolling full-time in a degree providing program (as either a major or minor), or in a certificate

program in the fine or performing arts at a qualifying educational institution* the following fall.

2. Must provide the following documentation:
 - a. Full application with all parts completed and answered.
 - b. A resume detailing education in the arts, CFPA involvement, intended career field, extra-curricular activities, volunteer experience, and achievements/accolades.
 - c. Copy of unofficial transcript.
 - d. One (1) letter of recommendation from a Colgan CFPA instructor. A second letter of recommendation from anyone the student chooses may also be provided but is **not required**. No more than two (2) letters of recommendation will be considered. If more than two (2) are received, only the first to arrive and the required CFPA instructor recommendations will be considered.
 - e. Respond to two (2) of the provided writing prompts adhering to a one (1) page limit per essay.
 - f. Completed CFPA Records Release Form signed by student's legal parent/guardian.
3. All application materials must be submitted as specified in the application package released each year. Materials submitted by any other means will not be considered.
4. **If all parts of the application are not received by the deadline at 11:59 p.m. on March 17, 2024, then the application will be disqualified.**
5. Scholarship recipients must provide the following information no later than 10 days after the Colgan High School Senior Awards Night:
 - a. Name and address of the educational institution the student will be attending. The address should be for the office that is authorized to receive and process outside scholarship funds.
 - b. Student's ID number/account number for that educational institution.
 - c. Copy of letter of acceptance, or other official document from the institution, which indicates the student's field of study.

Failure to provide the required information on time will result in loss of the scholarship. The CFPA Booster's Executive Board may grant an extension if the student has been in touch with the CFPA Booster's Scholarship Committee Chairman and provided details regarding the reason for the delay. The decision to grant or deny an extension is at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

6. Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the institution where the student will be studying without exception.
7. All applicants acknowledge that the decision of the CFPA Scholarship Committee is final and cannot be protested or appealed.

*A qualifying educational institution is one that meets the rules set forth in Internal Revenue Code Section 4945(g) for Individual Grants.