



CCAA 2021 Scholarship for High School Graduates

The Charles County Arts Alliance offers a \$1,500.00 scholarship to an outstanding graduating senior from each Charles County public high school and St. Mary's Ryken High School who plans to continue studying the arts at a four-year college or university.

Eligibility Criteria: The applying student

- has a 3.0 or above weighted grade point average;
- is a graduating senior from a Charles County Public High School or St. Mary's Ryken High School; and
- has been accepted at an accredited four-year college or university in an arts program (performing, visual or literary) in the subsequent fall semester.

Application and Supporting Documentation

Student Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Phone Number _____
Email Address _____
High School Attended _____ Graduation Date _____
Senior Award Ceremony Date _____
Intended College/University and Program Major _____

The application must also include the following:

- a typed detailed resume listing the student's artistic activities, extracurricular activities, work, and/or community service activities;
- a typed 300-word essay stating the name of the college/university the student plans to attend, identifying the arts major, and explaining why the particular arts degree is being pursued;
- a typed letter of recommendation from a teacher who is familiar with the student's academic abilities and achievements.
- a typed letter of recommendation from a teacher who is directly familiar with the student's artistic talents and achievements, and
- a sealed envelope containing the student's official transcript verifying a 3.0 or above Grade Point Average.
- **For dancers, musicians, filmmakers, and thespians (stage side) only:**
 - Please submit an audition-style video recording, no longer than 5 minutes duration.
- **For visual artists, writers, and thespians (tech side) only:**
 - Please submit a portfolio containing 3-5 examples of your best work.

Application Submission and Deadline: **March 5, 2021 by 12:00 PM**

The scholarship application and supporting documentation must be delivered electronically to ccaoffice2@gmail.com, or delivered* to the CCAA Office at the following address:

By mail: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695 For in-person delivery: 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646
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*Any applications postmarked on or after March 5 will not be considered.

Obligations and Instructions for Students Receiving a CCAA Scholarship:

Since the CCAA does not know if the current Covid-19 mitigation efforts will still be required, the post scholarship award obligations cannot yet be exactly confirmed. Students awarded the CCAA Scholarship will be required to attend and give a two to three minutes presentation at the Charles County Arts Alliance Annual Membership Meeting which is usually held in early May at the Waldorf West Library or the meeting may be conducted through Zoom as was done last year.

If a Senior Awards Ceremony is held, a CCAA Board member will attend to present an award certificate and a letter of final instructions.

These final instructions will require scholarship awardees to submit the following materials: a JPG headshot for publicity purposes; an official letter of acceptance from the college/university being attended in the fall semester; and the college/university mailing address where the CCAA Scholarship check should be sent. Failure to comply with the instructions **by July 16, 2021**, will forfeit the CCAA Scholarship.

For further information, send questions to ccaaoffice@gmail.com or ronbrown990@gmail.com.