



## 2019-2020 Scholarship Information and Guidelines

The Pavilion Partners is the volunteer organization of The Center for the Performing Arts at The Woodlands. Partners provides financial support for The Pavilion's education outreach programs to nurture the classical performing arts in the regional community.

The Pavilion Partners Fine Arts Scholarships are merit based on talent and academic achievement. The values of the scholarships are determined by the current availability of funds. Recently, these scholarships have ranged from \$2500 to \$7500. Amounts awarded and number of recipients are determined at the discretion of the Pavilion Partners Scholarship Committee.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships may be eligible to renew provided they meet specific criteria. If awarded, the values of renewal scholarships are determined by the current availability of funds. Recently, these renewal scholarships have been for \$1000 or more.

Applicants may apply in one of six fine arts disciplines: Dance, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre Arts, Visual Art, and Vocal Music.

## **Eligibility for Fine Arts Scholarships**

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded a Pavilion Partners Fine Art Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior.
- Major in a Fine Art discipline in college and pursue a bachelor's degree. Scholarships are only for applicants who will pursue a degree within a fine art major, not a degree with a fine art as a "minor."
- Reside within the geographic boundaries set by the Scholarship Committee. Applicants may attend public school, private school, homeschool, or online school. Boundaries are the following school district attendance zones:
  - Aldine ISD
  - Conroe ISD
  - Klein ISD
  - Magnolia ISD
  - Montgomery ISD
  - New Caney ISD
  - Spring ISD
  - Splendora ISD
  - Tomball ISD
  - Willis ISD

Applicants who attend accredited online schools operated by school districts not listed are eligible **only** if they reside within the above school district boundaries.

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible resident.
- Eligible applicants may apply in only one (1) discipline.

## **Application Requirements**

Application Process: There are **two (2) parts** to the application process.

- **Part 1** – Consists of completing the online application prior to **January 17, 2020**.

Applicants should save copies of the application and the online confirmation page for their records. All required information must be completed in order for the confirmation page to be displayed.

NOTE: If the confirmation page is not displayed, then the application has not been successfully submitted.

- **Part 2** – Consists of making sure that all of the following items are submitted prior to **January 31, 2020:**

- Official transcript. Official Transcripts can be emailed or mailed as follows:

Email to:

[scholarships@woodlandscenter.org](mailto:scholarships@woodlandscenter.org)

Mail to:

Pavilion Partners Fine Arts Scholarships  
2005 Lake Robbins Drive  
The Woodlands, TX 77380

- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) of the two (2) required letters **must** be from an instructor in applicant's chosen field such as a school teacher or private instructor. The other letter may be from a mentor or anyone who knows the applicant, but who is not related to the applicant.

Letters of Recommendation can be emailed, mailed, or submitted via the provided link as follows:

Email to:

[scholarships@woodlandscenter.org](mailto:scholarships@woodlandscenter.org) using subject line: Letter of Recommendation for [First Name] [Last Name]

Mail to:

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Submit via link:

Go to [www.woodlandscenter.org/scholarships](http://www.woodlandscenter.org/scholarships) and use the link titled "Submit a Letter of Recommendation"

It is applicant's responsibility to inform anyone submitting a transcript or letter of recommendation of the deadlines and the above addresses and methods of submittal.

Transcripts and both letters of recommendation must reach the scholarship committee by the deadline of January 31, 2020.

### **Incomplete Applications**

Applications are not complete unless all parts are received:

- Online application by January 17, 2020 deadline.
- Official Transcript by January 31, 2020 deadline.
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation by January 31, 2020 deadline.

**Incomplete or late applications, letters of recommendation, or transcripts will not be accepted!**

## **Scholarship Deadlines and Important Dates**

It is the sole responsibility of each applicant and their parent(s) or guardian(s) to be aware of all dates and deadlines.

**The Scholarship Committee will not accept or consider any incomplete or late application. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

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| September 1, 2019          | Online application available at <a href="http://www.woodlandcenter.org">www.woodlandcenter.org</a> |
| January 17, 2020           | Online scholarship application deadline  |
| January 31, 2020           | Deadline for two letters of recommendation <b>and</b> official transcript                          |
| Mid-February 2020          | Qualified applicants will be notified of audition <b>by email</b>                                  |
| March 31 and April 1, 2020 | Audition dates for qualified applicants  |
| April 15, 2020             | Scholarship recipients notified <b>by email</b>  |
| April 27, 2020             | Celebration of Recipients on Pavilion Main Stage   |

## **Evaluation Procedure and Notification of Scholarship Recipients**

All complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of scholarship committee members. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Each complete application is assigned an academic score based on merit in academic achievements and involvement, leadership, and responsibility in fine arts and other activities. Financial need is not considered.

A minimum acceptable academic score may be set by the Scholarship Committee to establish eligibility for consideration for an audition. Applications submitted on or before the due date that satisfy the requirements stated above will be considered for an audition/presentation time slot; however, if an application does not meet the requirements or does not meet the minimum academic score, no audition/presentation opportunity will be provided.

Any applicant who is not given an audition/presentation time is excluded from further consideration.

Applicants in the talent areas of Dance, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre Arts, and Vocal Music must audition in person. Visual Art applicants must present their art in person.

Auditions and presentations will be held during the day on March 31 and April 1, 2020 at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Applicants will not have a choice of days nor a choice of time slots as each talent area's auditions/presentation are assigned by the Scholarship Committee based on availability of

adjudicators and facilities. Applicants must make themselves available at their assigned time as there will not be any options for alternate timing for their audition/presentation.

Talent auditions/presentations for each discipline will be evaluated by panels of judges who are experts in that field. Applicants **must strictly follow audition requirements** for their discipline as failure to follow the requirements will result in a reduction to an applicant's potential score. Go to [www.woodlandscenter.org/scholarships/requirements](http://www.woodlandscenter.org/scholarships/requirements) to review audition requirements.

Applicants who auditioned will be **notified via email** of the results by April 15, 2020. It is strongly recommended that applicants add [scholarships@woodlandscenter.org](mailto:scholarships@woodlandscenter.org) to their address book so that important communications do not end up in spam or junk folders. Applicants are responsible for checking spam and junk folders.

### **Additional Information**

The application is confidential, for exclusive use of the Scholarship Committee. The letters of recommendation and transcripts will not be returned and become property of the Pavilion Partners Scholarship Committee.

The Pavilion Partners has the right to refuse and/or retract any application or award during the judging, awarding, or post-awarding process. Refusal/retractions can be based on but not limited to nonfactual or incorrect information provided in the application or failure to meet any of the requirements.

All scholarship monies will be paid directly to the college or university in which the recipient enrolls as a fine arts major. Funds are not paid to individuals.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to perform at a Partners meeting or fundraising event.

For additional information, contact The Pavilion Partners Scholarship Committee at [scholarships@woodlandscenter.org](mailto:scholarships@woodlandscenter.org).

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