

The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts supports the development of outstanding high school seniors who excel in the arts and are enrolled in accredited educational programs leading to careers in the arts.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 are awarded to support 2016-2017 academic year tuition expenses at Iowa colleges or universities.

Timeline

Application Deadline

February 1, 2016

Award Notification

March 2, 2015

Award Ceremony

Scholarship award recipients will be asked to attend an award ceremony in the Spring of 2016.

Eligibility

The applicant must be an Iowa resident who will graduate from an Iowa high school during the 2015-2016 school year and be accepted as a full-time undergraduate student at a fully-accredited Iowa college or university with a major in at least one of the following arts areas: dance, literature, music, theatre, folk & traditional arts, or visual arts.

Immediate family members or dependent children of Iowa Arts Council board and staff are not eligible.

Online Application Submission

Applicants must submit applications via the Iowa Arts Council's SlideRoom, an online application portal. Applications will not be accepted in any other format. Applicants can access the current online application requirements at www.iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com. Applicants can visit the [SlideRoom Help Desk](#) for technical assistance.

Review Process

Submitted applications are reviewed by staff for completion, eligibility and adherence to published guidelines. Applications determined by staff to be incomplete or ineligible will not be recommended for panel review and are specifically denied any appeals process. Eligible applications will be referred to a competitive review by a panel of Iowa arts professionals with appropriate expertise commensurate to the purpose of the scholarship program. Panel recommendations are submitted to the Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Iowa Arts Council Administrator for consideration. All award decisions are final.

Scoring Rubric

The Iowa Scholarship for the Arts Scoring Rubric will be used by the panel to evaluate applications. Each section has criteria and corresponding point values to ensure a fair review process. The rubric is on a scale of 18 points.

ESSAY: VISION 3 points possible		
3	2	1
Essay demonstrates a clear vision and passion for artistic discipline.	Essay demonstrates a passion or vision for artistic discipline.	Essay does not demonstrate a vision or passion for artistic discipline.

ESSAY: GOALS 3 points possible		
3	2	1
Essay identifies exemplary goals for post-secondary education in art field.	Essay identifies goals for post-secondary education in art field.	Goals for post-secondary education in art field are unclear.

ESSAY: COMPOSITION 3 points possible		
3	2	1
Essay is clear, concise and well-composed.	Essay is clear, containing minimal grammatical errors.	Essay is poorly composed and/or contains multiple grammatical errors.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION 3 points possible		
3	2	1
Letter of recommendation is highly relevant to the scholarship, speaks to the applicant's excellent artistic abilities, and demonstrates confidence in the applicant's future capabilities as a student and artist.	Letter of recommendation is relevant to the scholarship, speaks to average artistic abilities and applicant's intention to pursue an education in art field.	Letter of recommendation is not relevant to the scholarship, does not speak to the applicant's artistic abilities and/or creates concern about the applicant's future capabilities as a student and artist.

WORK SAMPLES: TECHNICAL QUALITY 3 points possible		
3	2	1
Work samples are of high quality.	Work samples are of average quality	Work samples are of poor quality.

WORK SAMPLES: ARTISTIC QUALITY 3 points possible		
3	2	1
Work samples demonstrate exceptional capabilities in artistic concept and form.	Work samples demonstrate average capabilities in artistic concept and form.	Work samples demonstrate poor capabilities in artistic concept and form.