



Scholarship Policies and Information

Eligibility

All applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Mansfield resident
- Mansfield ISD student
- Currently enrolled college/graduate student majoring in a fine or performing arts or arts education field that grew up in Mansfield or graduated from a Mansfield ISD school
- Parent applying on behalf of your young child (14 or under) who is a Mansfield resident or Mansfield ISD student

Students of all ages (children and adults) are eligible.

Arts students studying in any genres may apply. This may include but is not limited to visual art, music, dance, creative writing, and theater students.

Previous scholarship winners are eligible to apply.

Application Requirements

All applicants must submit:

Mansfield Commission for the Arts Scholarship Application

3 Mansfield Commission for the Arts Scholarship Recommendation Forms.

Only one application form per applicant may be submitted during each funding period. An applicant may apply for multiple scholarships from with the same application. A new application must be completed for each new funding period.

Scholarship Follow-up

All scholarship recipients are required to submit a report no later than one month after the end of the scholarship cycle. If reapplying for another scholarship prior to the completion of the current award period, an update report will be required at the time of the new application. The report should include invoices or other proof of how the funds were used, as well as a personal statement from the student of no more than one page detailing the learning experience and value they received. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Mansfield Commission for the Arts office.

For any further information or questions, please contact the Mansfield Arts Commission, 210 Smith St, Mansfield, TX 76063, (817) 804-5768, or arts@mansfieldtexas.gov.



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Scholarship Descriptions

Mainstage Classic Theatre Scholarship: This scholarship will provide you with a credit sufficient for a semester of lessons provided by Mainstage Classic Theatre. Your Scholarship will be directly credited to your Mainstage account.

Open funding scholarships:

Repetitive Scholarship: This scholarship is to help cover any reoccurring or ongoing costs related to your arts study. This could include tuition or registration fees for any regular and ongoing private or group art/music/theater/dance/etc. classes, college tuition for fine and performing arts or arts education majors, or recurring fees for supplies like instrument rentals or regular art supply purchases.

One-Time Scholarship: This scholarship is to help cover special one-time expenses related to your arts study. This could include tuition or registration fees for any singular arts-based event like a summer camp, workshop, convention, or museum or concert tickets, or a large one-time supply purchase (like an instrument purchase).

Deadlines

There will be three award periods each year. The first will be a fall semester award period with applications due August 15 (or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next regular business day). The second award period will be for winter/spring semester scholarships with applications due November 30 (or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next regular business day). The final award period will be for summer scholarships with applications due April 30 (or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next regular business day). Specific dates for application submittal, award announcements, and reporting due dates are:

August 15 – Applications due for fall semester award period, September 15-December 31. Updates on current awards will be required for anyone reapplying.

September 15 – Award announcements for fall semester award cycle. Funds available immediately.

November 30 – Application due for winter/spring semester award period January 1-May 31 Updates on current awards will be required for anyone reapplying.

January 1 – Award announcements for winter/spring award cycle. Funds available immediately.

January 31 – Full reports due for fall semester award cycle



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April 30 - Application due for summer award period June 1-September 15. Updates on current awards will be required for anyone reapplying.

June 1 – Award announcements for summer award cycle. Funds available immediately.

Awards

All scholarship applications are reviewed by a grant and scholarship panel in a blind review. The review panel makes recommendations for funding to the Mansfield Commission for the Arts board. The Mansfield Commission for the Arts board members will make the final determination of scholarships to be awarded. Every effort is made for the process to be impartial and fair. While the Mansfield Commission for the Arts can support applicants with reoccurring needs on an ongoing basis, current funding is not a guarantee of future awards. The number of awards given and the monetary value of the awards may depend on several factors including but not limited to current funding levels, the number of applicants, and the size of scholarship requests. Scholarship applications may receive full funding, partial funding, or no funding at the discretion of the Mansfield Commission for the Arts. All scholarship decisions are final.