



COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR SCHOOLYEAR 2026-27
FOR USE BY STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE
ELIGIBILITY

- **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED ONLY FOR STUDIES IN THE FIELDS OF THE VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS.**
- **APPLICANT MUST BE A RESIDENT OF SARASOTA or MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
Note: Any change in Personal Information must be reported before the Deadline Date.
- **RELATIVES OF THE EXCHANGE'S BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- **DOWNLOAD APPLICATION AT www.sarasotawex.com**
- **APPLICATION PAGES 1 AND 2 ONLY (NOT THESE INSTRUCTIONS), PRINTED OR TYPED LEGIBLY WITH ALL BLANKS COMPLETED, ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SET FORTH BELOW, MUST BE PLACED IN A MANILA ENVELOPE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS, AND SENT VIA USPS MAIL POSTMARKED **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2026.** LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATION MATERIALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**MAIL TO THE EXCHANGE ATTENTION: GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE
539 SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE
SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34236**

- **Required Documents in addition to application. Please do not use staples and print on only one side of application documents.**
 1. A Personal 300 word Essay outlining your educational goals, career aspirations and reasons why you consider yourself deserving of an Exchange scholarship.
 2. Two (2) signed recommendations (one-page maximum) from a faculty member, instructor or mentor in your proposed field.
 3. One (1) proof of Sarasota/Manatee County permanent residency if you have not graduated from a local high school. (If you graduated from a local high school, provide the name of the school and the year of graduation.) Proof of residency may include: Florida driver license, Florida voter registration card or state approved permanent ID (Note: Permanent residency does not include yearly school related housing.)
 4. College transcript to be sent directly from your institution to The Exchange addressed as above.

The Board of Directors will notify you via email of its scholarship decision.



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- Completed Application
- 300 Word Essay
- 2 Recommendations
- 1 Proof of Residency
- Transcript of Grades

COLLEGE STUDENT

**Arts Scholarship Application For College Year
2026-2027**

**TO QUALIFY, ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.
USE ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY.**

Candidate's Name _____ College/ School Attending _____

Candidate's HOME Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

1. Are you still a legal resident of Sarasota/Manatee County? Yes _____ No _____

2. From what high school did you graduate and when? _____

Local Address if different from above. Include City, State and Zip Code: _____

3. What is your College Arts major? _____

4. Candidate's Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ (Must be 3.0 or higher to qualify)

5. Do you plan to continue next year at this same school? Yes _____ No _____ If not, to which Colleges have you applied or do you plan to apply?

College _____	Accepted Yes No	Annual Tuition _____	Living Plans (Circle one) Campus Apt. At Home
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6. Were you ever a recipient of an Exchange Scholarship? (Circle One) YES NO

If the answer is yes, when? _____

COLLEGE STUDENT

Arts Scholarship Application For College Year 2026-2027 Continued

7. Have you already been awarded financial aid/scholarships for 2026-2027? (Circle One) YES NO

If yes, list the sources and amounts. _____

8. Are you employed? Yes _____ No _____ Number of hours per week _____ Type of work _____

9. Do you work in the summer? Yes _____ No _____ Type of work _____

10. Do you have other family members in college?

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Name of College</u>	<u>Year</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

11. Father/Stepfather's Name: _____ Mother/Stepmother's Name: _____

12. Father/Stepfather's Occupation: _____ Mother/Stepmother's Occupation: _____

13. Parents are Married _____ Divorced _____ Separated _____ Single _____ Widowed _____

14. Live with Father _____ Mother _____ Other _____ Other's Relationship _____

(Please keep all answers for the following as brief as possible.)

15. What are your career plans?

16. What do you consider your greatest achievement this school year?

17. List your extracurricular activities/hobbies.

Please read the following and acknowledge acceptance with your signature below:

I understand that any scholarship I may receive from The Exchange is contingent on my remaining an arts major and that any change to a major other than one in the arts renders the grant void. I agree to notify The Exchange if any such change occurs.

Signature _____ Date _____