



## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR ARTS SCHOLARSHIP** **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2026-2027**

**FOR USE BY GRADUATING SENIORS PLANNING TO REGISTER IN 2026-2027 AS COLLEGE FRESHMEN**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED ONLY FOR STUDIES IN THE FIELDS OF THE VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS with a 3.0 GPA or HIGHER**
- **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 EXCHANGE BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.**
- **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SENT BY USPS MAIL TO THE EXCHANGE AND, WITH NO EXCEPTIONS, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2026.**

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

- A. Download and print out the **High School Senior Scholarship Application** at [www.sarasotawex.com](http://www.sarasotawex.com)
- B. Supply the information requested. **For consideration, all questions must be answered, both completely and legibly.**
- C. Place the following in a Manila envelope, in the order listed. **Do not use staples and print on only one side of application document.**
1. Completed Application (Pages 1-2 only; no need to include this page).
  2. Personal Essay of 300 words outlining your educational goals, career aspirations and the reasons why you consider yourself deserving of a scholarship.
  3. Two (2) signed one-page letters of recommendations from a faculty member, instructor or mentor in your proposed field.
  4. Proof of Sarasota/Manatee residency i.e. driver's license, voter registration, utility bill, etc.
- D. Address envelope as follows and mail to:
- The Exchange**  
**Attention: Grants & Scholarships Committee, 539 S. Orange Avenue**  
**Sarasota, Florida 34236**
- E. Finally, arrange to have your high school transcript, including Grade 10 through the first semester of Grade 12, sent directly from your school's registrar to the address given in Step D.

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



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

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR**  
**Arts Scholarship Application For College Year 2026-2027**

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's City/State/Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Telephone Number (Where you can most easily be reached.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Email Address (Be certain this is legible.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Currently Attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Cumulative Unweighted Grade Point Average  
(Must be 3.0 or higher for consideration)

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Candidate's Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average

1. List any extracurricular activities/hobbies

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you employed during the school year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you work in the summer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

4. To which colleges have you applied or plan to apply?

College _____	Accepted Yes No	Annual Tuition _____	Living Plans (Circle one) Campus Apt. At Home
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5. What is your intended college major/ field of study in the arts? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Have you already been awarded financial aid/scholarships? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list the sources and the amounts. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have other family members in college?

Relationship	Age	Name of College	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Father/Stepfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_ His Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

9. Mother/Stepmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Her Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

10. Live with Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

11. Street Address of person with whom you live \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

12. Parents are: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_

13. Name and telephone number of a contact besides yourself who can be reached anytime.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

14. Please read the following and acknowledge acceptance with your signature on the line below:

**I understand that any scholarship I may receive from The Woman's 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 Woman's Exchange if any such change occurs.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_