Students who have professional goals to pursue visual arts, voice, dance, theater, literary arts, or film are invited to apply for a BIG ARTS Scholarship Award. The purpose of this award program is to encourage artistic development in students. Funds may be used for an educational institution’s tuition, books, art supplies, and equipment. A committee will consider funding for, but not limited to, tuition associated with any arts related degree.

No funding will be considered for:
- Travel related expenses
- Projects funded through other grants from other sources
- Activities involving any organization employing the applicant
- Activities which do not demonstrate a proven commitment to a particular discipline
- Activities not related to the applicant’s career enhancement

Eligibility:
To be eligible for a BIG ARTS Scholarship Award, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
- High school senior planning to major in the arts
- Student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate arts program

And also, must meet one of the following criteria:
- Current resident of Sanibel or Captiva
- Currently employed (or have a parent employed) on Sanibel or Captiva
- Current resident of Lee County

Application Procedure:
1. Complete the scholarship application, which is available by calling BIG ARTS office at (239) 395-0900 or download the form at www.BIGARTS.org.
2. Write a one-page essay describing personal and artistic goals, accomplishments, and proposed artistic project/course of study. Please identify the school(s) you will be attending and/or have applied to and outline anticipated costs and tuition for your proposed course of study. Provide as much detail as possible.
3. Submit three letters of recommendation. These letters should comment specifically about your artistic ability, and your character. Letters should be sent to the address below and must be postmarked by the deadline to be considered. Letters of recommendation over a year old will not be accepted.
4. Obtain a school transcript of courses and academic grades for submission with application.
5. Include a representative portfolio, which may include photographs, CD or DVD (high quality), writing samples, etc., in your preferred field of discipline. If materials cannot be loaned to BIG ARTS, please provide an alternative method, such as Dropbox for the committee to review your work. All work will be returned.

Return completed application, essay, letters of recommendation, transcripts, and representative portfolio by Friday, March 20 to BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957, fax to (239) 395-0330 or email to Lhuff@bigarts.org.

Selected applicants will be invited for an interview with the Scholarship Committee. Interviews take place in April and will be scheduled in advance based on availability.
2020 Application Form
Completed applications must be submitted to BIG ARTS no later than March 20, 2020
ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Name: ________________________________________________________ Phone: ____________________

Last            First            Middle

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

Street         City         State              Zip

E-mail: ___________________________________________________________ Age: __________________

Parent or Guardian Name: ______________________________________ Phone: _______________________

Education:
Name of current/last educational institution attended: ______________________________________________

Degree sought (if applicable): ____________________________________ Graduation: __________________

Name and address of college, university, or professional school in which you are currently enrolled or have been accepted and plan to enroll in the Fall of 2020: ______________________________________________

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When is your last day of the spring semester, and will you be in Lee County during the summer?

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Employment:
Are you currently employed? No _____ Yes _____ How many hours per week: ______________________

Name and city of current employer: ____________________________________ Position: _______________

Application Checklist:
 Completed application form
 One-page essay describing personal and artistic goals, accomplishments and proposed artistic project/course of study
 Letters of recommendation
 School transcripts (official or unofficial)
 Portfolio and/or samples of your work

Submit completed application on or before Friday, March 20, 2020. Only complete applications will be considered. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (239) 395-0900.

Send this form and all attachments to:
BIG ARTS
Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship
900 Dunlop Rd.
Sanibel, FL 33957