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, Florida

Application Procedure:
1. Complete the scholarship application via "www.mykaleidoscope.com"
2. The following is needed for the application process:
   a. One-page essay describing personal and artistic goals and 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.
   b. Letters of recommendation. These letters should comment specifically about your artistic ability, and your character. Letters of recommendation over a year old will not be accepted.
   c. Obtain a school transcript of courses and academic grades for submission with application.
   d. Include a representative portfolio, which may include photographs, short films/video, writing samples, etc.
3. Applications must be submitted online at “mykaleidoscope.com”. It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure their application is complete, and the videos are playable before submitting.

Deadline to submit to this scholarship is Friday, April 22, 2022.

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