



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR ARTS SCHOLARSHIP **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2025-2026**

FOR USE BY GRADUATING SENIORS PLANNING TO REGISTER IN 2025-2026 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, 2025.**

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. Download and print out the **High School Senior Scholarship Application** at 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.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
[] Completed Application
[] 300 Word Essay
[] 2 Recommendations
[] Transcript of Grades



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR
Arts Scholarship Application For College Year 2025-2026

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)

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 _____