

## CCAA 2026 Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

The Charles County Arts Alliance sponsors eight \$2,000.00 scholarships to be awarded to highly qualified and talented graduates. It is an open competition for Charles County public, private, and homeschooled seniors pursuing an Arts-related major at a four-year college or university.

### Eligibility Criteria for applicants:

- has a 3.0 or above weighted grade point average,
- is a Charles County graduating senior from a public, private, or homeschooled program in Charles County, and
- has been accepted at an accredited four-year college or university in an arts program (performing, visual, or literary) in the 2026 fall semester.

### Application and Supporting Documentation

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Awards Ceremony Date \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College/University and Arts Major \_\_\_\_\_

The application must also include the following:

- A typed detailed resume listing the applicant's artistic activities, extracurricular activities, community service, professional employment, and/or other work;
- A typed 300-word essay that includes the name of the college/university the applicant plans to attend, the intended arts major, and an explanation of why that arts degree is being pursued;
- A typed letter of recommendation from a teacher who is familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and achievements;
- A typed letter of recommendation from a teacher who is directly familiar with the applicant's artistic talents and achievements; and
- A sealed envelope containing the applicant's official transcript verifying a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
- **For dancers, musicians, filmmakers, and thespians (stage side),** please submit an audition-style video recording, no longer than five minutes in duration.
- **For visual artists, writers, and thespians (tech side),** please submit a portfolio containing three to five examples of your best work.

**\*\*Please send all digital content related to your application in a compressed/ZIP file to [ccaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ccaascholarships@gmail.com). Ensure that the name of the applicant is the subject line of the email. Please be aware that failure to submit any necessary digital content pertinent to your artistic background will result in an incomplete application. \*\***

**Application Submission Deadline: March 27, 2026, by 12:00 PM**

The scholarship application and supporting documentation are to be submitted electronically (unless unable) to the CCAA at the following addresses:

By Email: [ccaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ccaascholarships@gmail.com)  
By Mail: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695  
For in-person delivery: 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD  
20646

\*Applications postmarked on or after March 27, 2026, will not be considered.

**Obligations and Instructions for CCAA Scholarship Recipients:**

CCAA Scholarship recipients will be required to attend and give a three to four-minute presentation at the Charles County Arts Alliance Annual Membership Meeting, which will be held tentatively on a Saturday, May 16, 2026. Depending on a recurrence of COVID-19 conditions, the meeting may need to be conducted virtually through Zoom. If you cannot attend the membership meeting, you will be expected to help at the CCAA's ArtsFest held on June 13, 2026, at the Indian Head Pavilion.

At the Senior Awards Ceremony, a CCAA board member will attend to present an award certificate and a letter of final instructions.

Finally, scholarship recipients will be required to submit the following materials electronically to [ccaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ccaascholarships@gmail.com): a JPG headshot for our publicity purposes, the official letter of acceptance from the college/university being attended in the fall semester, your college/university student ID number, and the college/university mailing address to which the CCAA scholarship check must be sent. Failure to submit the required materials by **July 15, 2026**, will forfeit the CCAA Scholarship.

**For further information:** Please contact the CCAA office at 301-392 5900 or [ccaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ccaascholarships@gmail.com).