

# Art & Innovation Scholarship Criteria

## Eligibility Criteria:

### 1. Academic Performance:

- Applicants must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.2 or higher.
- Official transcripts must be submitted as proof of GPA.

### 2. Community Service:

- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service.
- A minimum of 50 hours of documented community service within the last year is required.
- Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a supervisor or organization leader attesting to their community service involvement.

### 3. Passion for Creative Arts and/or Innovation:

- Applicants must show a strong interest in the creative arts or innovation, which can include, but is not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, music, writing, digital arts, and/or demonstrate innovative thinking in their creative pursuits.
- Evidence of involvement in the creative arts must be provided, such as a portfolio, samples of work, participation in related clubs or organizations, or awards and recognitions received.

## Application Process:

### 1. Application Form:

- Applicants must complete and submit the Art & Innovation Scholarship Application Form by the specified deadline.

### 2. Supporting Documents:

- Official high school transcripts.
- Documentation of community service hours (e.g., a letter from the organization(s) where service was performed).
- Evidence of involvement in the creative arts or innovation projects (e.g., portfolio, work samples, awards, letters of participation).

### 3. Personal Statement:

- Applicants must write a personal statement (500-700 words) describing their passion for the creative arts or innovation, how their community service has impacted their lives and others, and their academic goals and future aspirations. Any use of AI is not permitted. Applicants should use the free AI Detector tool here: <https://www.scribbr.com/ai-detector/>

### 4. Letters of Recommendation:

- Two letters of recommendation are required:
  1. One from a high school teacher or academic advisor.
  2. One from a supervisor or leader of the community service organization.

## Selection Process:

### 1. Initial Review:

- Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee to ensure all required materials are submitted and eligibility criteria are met.

### 2. Evaluation:

- The scholarship committee will evaluate applicants based on the following weighted criteria:
  - Academic Achievement (30%)
  - Community Service Involvement (30%)
  - Passion and Talent in the Creative Arts or Innovation (30%)
  - Personal Statement and Letters of Recommendation (10%)
- 3. **Interview (Optional):**
  - At the discretion of the scholarship committee, top candidates may be invited for an interview to further discuss their qualifications, goals, and aspirations.
- 4. **Selection:**
  - Final selection will be made by the scholarship committee based on the overall strength of the application and interview (if conducted).
- 5. **Notification:**
  - Selected recipients will be notified during scholarship night and an announcement will be made on the CLG Foundation website and social media channels.

**Scholarship Conditions:**

1. **Award Amount and Disbursement:**
  - The scholarship amount will be disbursed directly to the recipient's chosen institution for tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.
2. **Recognition and Reporting:**
  - Recipients may be asked to participate in CLG Foundation events and provide periodic updates on their academic and creative pursuits.