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Scholarship Information Package

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Background

The Victoria School Foundation for the Arts was established in 1996 to support the Arts programs at Victoria School of the Arts. The Foundation is a registered charity and is audited annually. The Foundation grants scholarships to the School's grade 12 graduating students so that they may pursue post secondary education in the performing and visual arts. The Foundation also funds master classes which assist students to achieve acceptance at prestigious schools and grants awards to students and teachers for further study in the performing and visual arts.

About the Scholarships

Scholarships are available to grade 12 graduating students of Victoria School of the Arts. Scholarships are primarily based on merit and are awarded to students who show extraordinary talent and potential and who demonstrate clear educational or training goals and objectives in the performing and visual arts. Scholarships are available in the following categories:

- Art
- Dance
- Music: Choral and/or Instrumental
- New Media
- Theatre
- Creative Writing

Scholarships may not be awarded in all categories each year and more than one scholarship may be awarded in the same category. Scholarship awards must be used to offset tuition, fees, and other costs incurred as a result of pursuing post secondary education in the performing and visual arts.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a permanent resident or citizen of Canada;
- be a resident of Alberta;
- be graduating from Victoria School of the Arts; and
- have applied to or been accepted to a post secondary program in the performing and visual arts.

Application Deadline and Conditions

- Applications are due on or before 4:00 p.m. on **April 30th** of each year. If April 30th falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the following school day. **Application deadlines are strictly enforced.**
- One completed application together with all supporting documentation, including a current photo, must be submitted to the general office of Victoria School labeled : Attention Victoria School Foundation for the Arts.

- Applicants are not required to provide proof of acceptance at a post secondary program at the time of application, but will be required to provide this documentation as soon as it becomes available.

Creative Portfolio

Applicants may provide representative samples (maximum two) of their recent work reflecting their artistic achievements. The portfolio may include copies of programs, listings of exhibitions, photographs of artistic work and audition tapes. Please do not submit originals. Portfolios will not be returned.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded to students who have:

- demonstrated extraordinary talent, potential and commitment to their chosen art form;
- demonstrated their belief in and passion for their chosen Art form;
- shown an ability to achieve their goals in a changing and often stressful environment; and
- demonstrated satisfactory academic requirements for acceptance into a post secondary program of their choice.

Selection Process

- The selection committee will review all scholarship applications and make recommendations for the awarding of scholarships to the members of the Foundation Board.
- Candidates may be required to participate in an interview with the selection panel, either in person or by telephone, as part of the selection process.
- Information collected will be treated in confidence.

Notice of Change of Information

- Applicants must provide written notification to the Foundation Board of any changes to their mailing address, telephone numbers, or related contact information.
- Applicants must provide written notification to the Foundation Board of any change to their intended program of study that may impact their eligibility for a scholarship.
- Any change to a program of study subsequent to the awarding of a scholarship must first be approved by the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board has no obligation to advance the scholarship funds if the changed program of study does not meet the eligibility requirements.

Payment Information

- Scholarship monies are to be used to offset tuition fees, mandatory fees, text and supply fees, and/or any other education or training related expenses the applicant may incur as a result of pursuing their indicated program of study.

- Scholarship recipients must submit receipts for reimbursement. Reimbursement will only be made to the scholarship recipient.
- Scholarship recipients must adhere to all regulations of the accepting post secondary institution regarding all fee payments.
- No part of any scholarship award issued by the Foundation can be applied to previous debts, accounts, or shortfalls; all award monies must be allocated to costs associated with the qualified program of study.
- Successful applicants must claim their scholarship monies within 18 months of their receiving the scholarship; or apply to have their scholarship deferred. If no claim is made, the scholarship will lapse.