

Purpose

The Festival of Arts Scholarship Program, administered by the Glenn E. Vedder Scholarship Committee, was established to provide financial encouragement for students preparing for careers in various disciplines in the arts. Scholarships are awarded in: Film, Performing Arts (Dance, Music, and Theater Arts, including Performance and Production), Visual Arts and Writing. All graduating high school students residing in Laguna Beach, or attending Laguna Beach High School, are eligible for any or all of the categories but are only awarded a maximum of one scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to Laguna Beach High School graduating seniors at the June Convocation. All other scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.

Policy

1. Must attend an accredited community or 4-year college or university on a full-time basis and complete at least 12 academic units each term (quarter or semester). The 12 academic units must count for graduation.
2. To receive payment for a particular term (quarter or semester), the student must take a course during that term in the field for which the scholarship was granted. This course, or courses, must be for academic credit at an accredited community or 4-year college.
3. Maintain a grade point average per term (quarter or semester) of at least 2.5 in the freshman year and at least 3.0 for each subsequent year. The pass/fail method of grading is not acceptable; students must have their professors assign an alphabetic grade.
4. Immediately report any change of e-mail, address, course of study, or school to the Festival of Arts.

Availability

1. **First-Year Scholarships:** available to all high school seniors residing in Laguna Beach or attending Laguna Beach High School in the year of their graduation.
2. **Renewal Scholarships:** available annually to previous recipients for a total of four years of undergraduate college education during a five-year period following graduation from high school. An application must be submitted each year to be eligible for a renewal award. Applications available on the Festival's website, www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org, in early April.
3. If a student is not actively pursuing their scholarship category in their course of study, then continued eligibility for the Festival of Arts Scholarship will be reviewed after the completion of the student's second year.

Payment Procedure

Semester System

One-half of the award upon receipt of the following items:

- Courses and grades for the first semester totaling at least 12 academic units, with a 2.5 grade point average or better per semester for the freshman year, and 3.0 or better per semester for each subsequent year, including at least one course in the field for which the scholarship was awarded. The second half of the award will be paid upon submission of an **official transcript**.

Payment Procedure

Quarter System

First one-third of the award upon receipt of the following items:

- Courses and grades for the first quarter totaling at least 12 academic units, with a 2.5 grade point average or better per quarter for the freshman year, and 3.0 or better per quarter for each subsequent year, including at least one course in the field for which the scholarship was awarded. The second one-third of the award will be paid upon submission of the same information relating to the second quarter, and the final one-third of the award will be paid upon submission of an **official transcript**.

Students are awarded a scholarship grant for a specific academic year (for example September 2012 through August 2013). Documentation necessary to receive payment of that award must be submitted no later than September 30th of that year (September 30, 2013). Documents submitted after that deadline will not be accepted, and the award, if any, will be considered to have been forfeited.

Grants are awarded for a period of one year at a time with no promise or commitment, expressed or implied, that similar grants will be awarded in any subsequent year.

Award Renewal Procedure

In order for the student to renew their award, an application and requested documents must be submitted each year. Applications and requested documents are due July 15th and are available on the Festival's website, www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org, in early April. **Deadlines will not be extended.**

The Scholarship Committee will make award recommendations to the Festival of Arts Board of Directors, based upon the following considerations:

- Formal Dated Letter to the Committee
- Transcripts
- Optional Letter of Recommendation

Eligibility for Forfeited Awards

An annual scholarship award, or any portion thereof, for which a student does not qualify for will be forfeited. During the five-year period immediately following graduation from high school, a student may, upon meeting all requirements, apply to receive a previously forfeited grant for a term (quarter or semester) of undergraduate study. After five years following graduation from high school, all eligibility for grants ceases, regardless of how many annual grants, or portions thereof, may have been qualified for, applied for, and/or received. After that date no scholarship grants will be awarded, or paid retroactively.