



## ArtCenter Scholarship and Grant Policies

- In addition to any state or federal programs for which you may be eligible, ArtCenter can consider you for institutional scholarship or grant funds. These are awards that have a high merit component, and the amount of this funding is limited. We believe that all admitted students are deserving; however, as funding is limited, the scholarship awards cannot be offered to all students, and are a symbol of the highest merit.
- Students can apply for scholarship both as entering students, and again once they have enrolled. Students who did not receive scholarship on entry or who would like to try and increase their amounts can apply. This process currently takes place each term for undergraduate students. The dates and policies applying to continuing undergraduate students can be found each term on ArtCenter's Website at: <https://inside.artcenter.edu/go/fa>. The graduate student continuing scholarship review varies by department. Graduate students should check with their department for dates and policies.
- Types of scholarships. These include both the College's own funding and scholarships provided by donors, corporations, and foundations. Students will be considered for both types of scholarships without the need for any specific applications. Recipients of donor scholarships may be asked to submit thank-you letters to the donor.
- Merit and Need. Scholarships are awarded based on merit and financial need determined by the FAFSA. Merit is determined by the scholarship committee based on portfolio and academic profile. International students do not need to complete the FAFSA to apply for scholarships.

## Scholarship Conditions

- **Continued Need.** Domestic students must continue to demonstrate financial need based on the annual FAFSA.
- **Priority Deadline.** Students should try to meet the FAFSA priority deadline of March 2 and in all cases must have a complete file before a scholarship can be awarded for an upcoming term. Scholarships will not be awarded for a retroactive term.
- **Grade Point Average Requirement.** Students must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) each semester. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 are given one "warning" term and one "probation" term to bring their GPA back up to 3.0. Failure to bring grades back up will result in the forfeiture of scholarship awards. Exceptions may only be made through an appeal process with the Financial Aid Office.
- **Terms Off.** Students cannot take more than two consecutive terms off. This includes time off for internships that are not for credit. In the event that a student takes more than two consecutive terms off, the scholarship award will be forfeited and the student must reapply for scholarship assistance.
- **Duration.** There are time limitations on ArtCenter scholarships for students who entered in Spring 2011 and forward. Students holding ArtCenter scholarships enrolled in BFA degree programs are entitled to maintain their scholarships for a maximum of nine semesters. Students in BS degree programs may hold the scholarship for ten semesters due to the larger credit requirement for graduation. Graduate students who entered in the Fall 2016 term and forward may hold their scholarship for the approved length of their program plus one additional term. These specified amounts of time are the normal time frame in which students complete the program or are capable of completing the program. Credit requirements vary by major and are subject to change. Entering scholarships may be specified for a shorter time, but unless specified, they are for the amount of time listed above. Students who are awarded scholarship through the continuing student scholarship process will hold the funds no longer than the maximum duration required to complete the program, unless specified for a shorter time. The duration cannot exceed the College's time limitation policy.
- **Amounts and Limits.** Typically, the amount of ArtCenter Scholarship a student receives cannot exceed the cost of tuition for the term. Scholarship amounts are pro-rated for part-time terms based on the number of units for which students are enrolled. For 6-8 units, students will receive 50% and for 9 units 75% of the normal scholarship amount. Scholarships will be disbursed based on the unit total at the end of the Add-Drop period. Scholarships are not paid for less than 6 units. If a student enrolls in an ArtCenter Lite term, it will be counted as half a term.