



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 who did not receive scholarship on entry or who would like to apply for an additional amount may apply through the Continuing Scholarship Review process. This process currently takes place each term for undergraduate students and the graduate student continuing scholarship review varies. The dates are determined by each individual department.
- **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. Beginning Spring 2024, scholarship review applicants will be required to submit the General Application Questionnaire. Recipients of donor scholarships may be asked to create a profile and 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 and Undocumented students do not need to complete the FAFSA to apply for scholarships.

Scholarship Conditions

- **Priority Deadline.** Students should meet the FAFSA priority deadline of March 2nd each year 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.** Undergraduate students must achieve a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) each semester to maintain their scholarship. Graduate students must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) each semester to maintain their scholarship. These GPAs represent the minimum requirements for remaining in good academic standing with the College. Students whose cumulative GPAs fall below these levels are given one "warning" term and one "probation" term to bring their cumulative GPA back up to the minimum required levels. 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. If the student is good academic standing, the student may appeal for reinstatement of their previous scholarship by contacting the Financial Aid Office before their returning term.
- **Duration.** There are time limitations on ArtCenter scholarships. Credit requirements vary by major and are subject to change. Students holding ArtCenter scholarships enrolled in BFA degree programs are entitled to maintain their scholarships for a maximum of nine terms. Students in BS degree programs may hold the scholarship for ten terms due to the larger credit requirement for graduation. Graduate students 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. Entering scholarships are generally held for the time length specified above, unless stipulated otherwise. 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. A full term is counted as one term, and if a student enrolls in an ArtCenter Lite term, it will be counted as half a term.
- **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 9-11 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 will not be disbursed for students enrolled in less than 6 units.