ArtCenter

ArtCenter Scholarship and Grant Policies

- **ArtCenter Scholarships.** 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.

- **The Continuing Scholarship Review**. Students who did not receive a 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 and graduate students. The dates are determined by each individual department.

- **Types of scholarships**. These include both the College's own funding and scholarship provided by donors, corporations, and foundations. Students will be considered for both types of scholarships. Students applying for the Continuing Scholarship Review are required to meet various eligibility requirements, including submitting 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**. New FAFSAs become available each October 1st for the following academic year. The FAFSA priority deadline is March 2nd each year. Students are encouraged to file their FAFSA as early as possible to get awarded in a timely manner. Students must have the current FAFSA on file and completed at the time of review and 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 minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) each term to maintain their scholarship. Graduate students must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA each term 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.

- **Leave of Absence**. Students cannot take more than two consecutive terms off. This includes time off for internships that are not for credit. If a student takes more than two consecutive terms off, their scholarship award(s) will be forfeited. If the student is in good academic standing, the student may appeal for reinstatement of their previous scholarship(s) by contacting the Financial Aid Office before their planned return term.

- **Duration.** There are time limitations on all ArtCenter scholarships. Credit requirements vary by major and are subject to change Students holding an ArtCenter scholarship and enrolled in BFA degree programs are entitled to maintain their scholarship for a maximum of nine terms. Students in BS degree programs may hold their 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 the majority of students complete the program. Entering scholarships are generally held for the duration 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 ArtCenter Lite 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 students will receive 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.