



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

OF SARASOTA COUNTY

**Performing Arts Scholarship
Professional Career Path Assistance Program**

Application Form

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The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a non-profit charitable organization that encourages individuals to create permanent charitable funds, the income of which can respond to community needs in many areas including: arts and culture, education, the environment, health care, and human services. Further information about these areas may be obtained by contacting the Community Foundation at (941) 955-3000.

In 1988, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County established its first scholarship fund and is now pleased to make scholarship assistance available to local area students of all ages.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP - PROFESSIONAL CAREER PATH

The Community Foundation administers a number of scholarship funds. This application is for students who are, but not limited to, residents of Sarasota and Manatee Counties who plan to participate in a distinct educational program, opportunity or event which may be beyond the typical educational format. The program must be focused on preparation for a professional career in the performing arts. While this scholarship is intended primarily for high school seniors, it may also be awarded to students regardless of age, accepted to first tier professional schools, including ballet schools, provided there is an academic component in addition to the performance arts component to the program. Graduate studies in a professional program are also acceptable. *See attached list of some appropriate career choices.

DETERMINATION OF AWARDS

Scholarship recipients are selected on an objective and competitive basis. Applicants will be judged on demonstrated performance ability, commitment to a professional career, objectives and qualifications of the program as well as financial need. Students must have a reasonable GPA to be awarded this scholarship and maintain it throughout. Scholarships awarded from this fund may be renewable. The number and amount of scholarships will be determined annually and may, in addition to tuition, be used for books and housing. Distributions will be made directly to educational institutions for the benefit of the scholarship recipients.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

All applicants are notified in writing whether or not they receive an award.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, students must submit the application form and enclose any additional required attachments. Applications MAY NOT be faxed or e-mailed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PLEASE READ ALL PAGES CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS FORM.

This application becomes valid only when it is filled out in its entirety AND the following have been submitted:

- 1. This application**
- 2. Complete educational records (transcripts or report cards)**
- 3. Parent's (and student's if applicable) most recent complete signed IRS tax forms , or other Proof of Income**
- 4. Resume of your performing experience (Section III a)**
- 5. Demonstration of your abilities (Section III b)**
- 6. Information about the program (Section IV)**
- 7. A paragraph stating how this program would prepare you for your professional career (Section V)**
- 8. Two letters of reference (Section VI)**

If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please attach an explanation referring to the questions by sections. If you need more space for any item, you may attach additional pages. Please indicate sections to which additions apply.

You are responsible for seeing that all supporting documents are submitted. The Community Foundation of Sarasota County reserves the right not to process applications found to be incomplete.

APPLICATION DATA (Following this format, you may complete this application on a computer.)

I. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Applicant's Name _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Permanent Street Address _____

City _____ **County** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone Number _____ **E Mail** _____

Date of Birth _____ **Social Security # (optional)** ____ / ____ / ____
Month/Day/Year

School Current Attending & Grade Level _____

Current Employer _____

II. PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION

Parental Marital Status: ___ single ___ married ___ divorced ___ a single parent

Number of dependent children in household: _____

I currently live: ___ on my own; ___ with mother; ___ with father; ___ both parents; ___ other guardian

Parent/Guardian #1

Name : _____

Employer : _____

Position : _____

Work Address _____

Work phone # _____

Parent/Guardian #2

Name: _____

Employer : _____

Position : _____

Work Address _____

Work phone # _____

III a. CAREER RELATED ACTIVITIES: Please submit a resume of your performing accomplishments.

III b. DEMONSTRATION OF ABILITIES: Please submit video and/or audio demonstration of your performance abilities.

III c. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - Please list below all extracurricular activities, leadership positions and work experiences you have participated in over the last 2 years.

Organization	Dates Served	Positions Held
EX. DRAMA CLUB	Oct 2015 – Sept 2017	STAGE HAND

IV. EDUCATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Applying for: _____

Specific Discipline: _____

Location of Program: _____

Program Dates: _____

Amount Requesting \$ _____

PROGRAM COSTS:

Tuition & Fees: \$ _____ Books and Supplies: \$ _____

Transportation: \$ _____ Room and Board: \$ _____

Miscellaneous \$ _____ : \$ _____
(Other Expenses)

Total Budget/Expenses: \$ _____

Are you representing your school or an organization? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please name _____

Please explain any special circumstances affecting your financial situation. For example if you are a single parent and not receiving child support or if you are receiving disability please explain why. This information will be helpful to the Committee in assessing your financial need. (Add a separate sheet if necessary.)

V. PARAGRAPH - Please tell us about the program for which you are seeking funding. Include how you feel this program will prepare you for the professional career you desire and why you are a good candidate for this program/scholarship.

VII. REFERENCE - Please supply two letters of reference from people (other than family members) who have worked with you in a performance capacity; a director, choreographer, teacher - someone who knows your abilities and can speak to your potential, commitment to a professional career, character, strengths or weaknesses and any other information that would help the committee make its decision. The references should state his/her relationship to the applicant. **Please submit your references, in a sealed envelope, along with this application. Do not have your references mailed separately.**

This application will not be considered unless these references are attached.

Full Name

Telephone Number

1. _____
2. _____

IX. CERTIFICATION

____ I am NOT a relative of any member of the Community Foundation Scholarship Advisory Committees, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County staff, Board or Advisory Council members.

____ The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I will inform the Community Foundation of any changes which might occur in this information.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION

Please make sure you have completed or included the following :

- _____ **This completed application**
- _____ **Complete educational records (transcripts or report cards)**
- _____ **Parents (and student's if applicable) most recent complete IRS tax return or other Proof of Income**
- _____ **Resume of your performing experience**
- _____ **Demonstration of your abilities**
- _____ **Information about the program**
- _____ **A paragraph stating how this program would prepare you for your professional career**
- _____ **Two letters of reference**

If you have questions or need further information about this application please contact:

**Earl Young, Manager, Scholarships and Special Initiatives
Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc.
(941) 556-7114**

eyoung@cfsarasota.org
www.cfsarasota.org

Please return completed applications to:

**Community Foundation of Sarasota County
2635 Fruitville Road
Sarasota, FL 34237**

*** Some specific careers deemed appropriate for this scholarship include but may not be limited to:**

Musical theatre including singing, dancing and acting

Acting (stage or film)

Dance: Ballet, Tap

Scenery design

Costume design

Sound design

Projection design

Directing

Choreography

Playwrighting/ Musical theatre book writing

Musical theatre composition and lyric writing