



Coalition of Hispanic Artists

## 2026-2027 APPLICATION *José Murani* Fine Arts Scholarship

Each year the **Coalition of Hispanic Artists** offers one Fine Art scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to an academic student who being accepted or enrolled in the second year of College or University, with a major in the Fine Arts Field. This award is determined on a competitive basis and requires the submission of an art portfolio and a letter of acceptance by an accredited institution of higher learning.

### CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a Tampa Bay Resident
2. Applicant must be Hispanic or Hispanic descendent.
3. Applicant must be accepted at a full-time Florida College or University in the second coming academic year with an interest or intent to pursue a Fine Arts field.
4. Applicant must demonstrate scholarship consistent with capacity and circumstances as demonstrated in the required submissions with the application as noted below.
5. The Scholarship Funds will be sent directly to the accredited College or University in which the recipient student has been accepted.

The Scholarship Committee of **The Coalition of Hispanic Artists** will rank each applicant based on artistic merit, financial need, and residency in the Tampa Bay Area.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

*(THE STUDENT MUST SUBMITT THE FOLLOWING)*

#### APPLICATION FORM

Should be typed or legibly written. Any incomplete or illegible forms WILL NOT be processed. The application form below may be replicated, but it must reflect all items requested.

#### PORTFOLIO

The portfolio should include 10 images in CD-Rom format, *Microsoft* compatible (i.e., digital portfolio on CD). CD is to be labeled with the Student's name. Each image needs to be described on a sheet of paper and labeled with the Student's name, title of each piece, medium, dimensions, and year completed. Portfolio artwork may include drawings, painting, photography, ceramics, digital works, mixed media, printmaking, sculptures, Music etc. Self-portraits, still lives and figure studies are recommended. Portfolios may include coursework or artwork created outside of art courses, preferably within the past two years. If the CD portfolio is to be returned, the student is to provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope or label.



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### **STUDENT'S STATEMENT**

The Student's Statement should include reasons for pursuing a field in the Fine Arts; identify three (3) artists and/or works by artist you admire, and your academic and artistic goals. Your statement should be 300-500 words (double spaced) in length. Be sure to include at the top of your statement, your name, grade, and name of your current school and city.

### **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

One letter of recommendation from a current or past teacher, administrator, or community leader that is familiar with your artistic qualifications.

### **TRANSCRIPT(S) & ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

Complete, official transcript(s) and acceptance letter from an accredited institution of higher learning must be submitted with the application. .

### **DEADLINE**

Deadline to submit applications are     ?    , 2026 . Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

The following statement is to be submitted, and incorporated by reference, with your application.

"I certify that the **statements** made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge."

### **SUBMISSION**

Submit complete application packet to:

CHA Scholarship Committee  
C/o The Coalition of Hispanic Artists  
P.O. Box 152324  
Tampa, FL 33684-2324  
Magdalena Matias, Chair of Education Committee  
[Magdalena.matias@yahoo.com](mailto:Magdalena.matias@yahoo.com), (813)300-1635  
Damaris Soto Frassica Co -chair Education Committee  
(813)966-7612 E-mail [damasoto@Gmail.com](mailto:damasoto@Gmail.com)

**Notice:** Should a chosen recipient of the scholarship fail to attend an accredited College or University the following fall term, and then the applicant who was judged as an alternate will receive the award if he or she has enrolled in an accredited College or University.

# STUDENT APPLICATION

*Type or print legibly*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Interest** (please check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Design

\_\_\_\_\_ Painting/Drawing

\_\_\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture

\_\_\_\_\_ Video, Animation

\_\_\_\_\_ Music (Sound art)

Name and address of father or guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of mother or guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

Annual household income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (rounded down) No. of people in household \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_

College or University mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you currently applied for admission? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed major? \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed minor? \_\_\_\_\_

If available, highest ACT or SAT score: ACT score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT score \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any honor or awards received. *(Please use additional sheet(s) as may be necessary to attach to Student Application.)*

Please list activities/organizations in school and outside of school you have participated in the past two years. Include offices held and accomplishments. *(Please use additional sheet(s) as may be necessary to attach to Student Application.)*

What areas of Fine Arts interest you? *(Please check all that apply.)*

- Design  Painting  Drawing  Photography  Sculpture  Video, Animation
- Industrial Design  Printmaking  Filmmaking  Graphic Design  Architecture
- Interior Design  Music  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of two personal references who know about your artistic and academic interest.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the statements made in this application and the application packet are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If a minor, Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT SHEET (OPTIONAL)**