

Guidelines for Applicants for the Cromwell Arts Alliance Scholarship

- I. **Background and Purpose:** The Cromwell Arts Alliance recognizes the importance of art in the community, as well as the importance of education to help to develop the skills and interest of artists, whether they are established artists, or budding artists. To that end, the CAA funds an educational scholarship, awarded to artists who desire to strengthen their skills. The scholarship will be provided to chosen applicant(s) who are residents of Cromwell and are interested in pursuing course/classwork in the arts.
- II. **Award:** A \$500 annual award, paid directly to the scholarship winner. Recipients are responsible for all tax implications resulting from the receipt of the scholarship. Note: The CAA reserves the right to determine the number and dollar amount of the awards given each year.
- III. **Scholarship Criteria:** The Scholarship subcommittee of the CAA is the sole party responsible for determining the selected recipients. Generally, determination will be made based on demonstrated interest in the arts and on citizenship, especially as respects the Cromwell Community.
- IV. **Application documents:** Scholarship application, essay, resume, letter of recommendation.
- V. **Eligibility Criteria:** Applicants must be residents of Cromwell. No CAA Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), scholarship subcommittee members, or their immediate family members, may apply. Scholarship money must be used for courses or classes related to the arts. Courses may be taken at a college or university, community college, continuing education program, adult education program, local arts business, or another similar program. Courses should be related to literary, performing, visual or technical arts. If you are unsure if a program qualifies, please email us. Recipients must be at least 10 years of age. Winners are not allowed to apply for another scholarship in the year directly following their receipt of the scholarship.
- VI. **Scholarship Recipient's Commitment:** Scholarship recipients must maintain the eligibility criteria during the length of the course/class and must successfully complete the course/class within one year of receipt of the scholarship money. Failure to complete the course/class will result in the revocation of the scholarship, and funds must be repaid to the CAA within sixty (60) days of a request for reimbursement from the CAA.
After completion of the course/class, Scholarship recipients must provide the CAA with a letter describing the use of the funds and outlining how the scholarship benefited them.
- VII. **Promotion and Publicity:** Scholarship recipients agree to allow CAA to use their name and photo in publicity regarding the scholarship, including but not necessarily limited to: promotion on the CAA website, the CAA facebook page (and other Cromwell community facebook pages) and local media outlets.
- VIII. **Winners:** Winners will be notified by email. Scholarships will be presented at the **May 13th CAA meeting at 6:00pm at the Cromwell Town Hall**. If winners are unable to attend, scholarships will be mailed.

Cromwell Arts Alliance Scholarship Application

Eligibility: Residents of Cromwell interested in pursuing course/classwork in the Arts. "Arts" encompasses literary, performing, visual and technical arts.

Note: Officers, of the CAA, members of the CAA Scholarship Subcommittee and/or their family members are not eligible for a scholarship

APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE EMAILED TO
CROMWELLARTSALLIANCE@GMAIL.COM BY April 20th 2024

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Intended Use for Scholarship Money: (course/class name, location and cost):

Please describe, in an attached **essay**, how your involvement in the arts has influenced who you are, as well as how you have contributed to the Cromwell Community through the arts.

Please submit a **resume** that outlines your activities and achievements (school, work, volunteer, community) and other relevant extracurricular activities / interests, especially those that pertain to your involvement and interest in the arts.

Please submit one **letter of recommendation**. This letter should be from a community member, teacher or other person who can comment on your character and commitment to the arts.

I have reviewed the Guidelines for Applicants for the Cromwell Arts Alliance Scholarship, and I hereby apply for a scholarship from the Cromwell Arts Alliance. I understand that the selection of recipients is at the sole discretion of the Cromwell Arts Alliance. I also hereby give permission for the CAA to verify any information given on this application.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent /Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age):

_____ Date _____