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Doan Foundation Scholarship Application

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

- Students must be high school students living and attending school in Southern California, who are graduating as a senior and who are planning to enroll at a higher education institution or vocational/technical school to pursue an Associate's degree, a Bachelor's degree, or certificate of profession.



Eligible Counties Include:

Inyo	Imperial	Kern	Los Angeles	Mono	Orange
Riverside	Santa Barbara	San Bernardino	San Diego	San Luis Obispo	Ventura

- Students must be embarking on a career pertaining to “the arts”

This includes, but not limited to:

Art (General)	Art - Crafts	Art - Dance	Art - Design	Art - Drawing
Art - Film Making	Art - Furnishing & Design	Art - Literary Composition	Art - Painting	Art - Papermaking
Art - Photography	Art - Printmaking	Art - Sculpture	Art - Video	Art - Visual Arts
Music (General)	Music - Composition	Music - Instrumental	Music - Performance	Music - Theory
Music - Vocal	Theater (General	Theater - Design	Theater - Musical	Theater - Performance
Theater - Playwriting	Theater - Production			

- Students who have financial need, as demonstrated through the completion of of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process
- Students who have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or above
- Students must provide both a FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) and a California Aid Report (CAR) with their application

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Submission Instructions:

- Completed applications must be received by email to [**scholarships@doan-foundation.org**](mailto:scholarships@doan-foundation.org)
- Required letters of recommendation may be emailed directly to [**scholarships@doan-foundation.org**](mailto:scholarships@doan-foundation.org) or included with the application

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit completed applications and all required documents electronically to [**scholarships@doan-foundation.org**](mailto:scholarships@doan-foundation.org)

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Application Requirements

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, all documents listed below must be included in your application submission. Provide all materials in the order listed below.

- 1) **Application:** Complete the four-page student information application below.
- 2) **Financial Aid Information:** To demonstrate your financial need, include the following documents.
 - **FASFA Student Aid Report (SAR):** Provide a copy of the current academic year SAR. A copy of your FASFA can be obtained by visiting <https://studentaid.gov/>
 - *If your FASFA SAR is not available*, provide a copy of your **California Dream Act Application**
 - **California Aid Report (CAR):** Provide a copy of your CAR. A copy of your CAR can be obtained by visiting <https://webgrants.csac.ca.gov/>
- 3) **Personal Statement (Essay):** Provide a thoughtfully prepared personal statement. Personal statements must be 500 words in length or over, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. Your personal statement must be your own, original work (please list your name on your personal statement).

In your personal statement, respond to the following prompt:

- How will this scholarship help you? (Explain how the award money will help you in at least one of the following ways: financially, professionally, and/or academically.)
- How does your family feel about your decision to study/pursue the arts?
- Tell us about yourself.
- Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it.
- What are your academic and/or career goals?
- What impact has art had on your life?
- Why do you deserve this scholarship? (Why should it be you?)
- Tell us about a time when you had a belief or idea challenged.
- How are you unique? (Discuss your background, identity, interest, or talent)
- Why do you want to study/pursue the arts?
- How has being part of a marginalized community in America impacted/affected your life?

- 4) **Transcript:** Provide an unofficial high school transcript
- 5) **Letters of Recommendation:** Include at least 1 letter of recommendation from teachers and/or community leaders who are able to describe your achievements
- 6) **Activity Sheet:** Provide details of your high school extracurricular involvement and accomplishments (if applicable). Alternatively, to meet this requirement, a resume or “brag sheet” may be provided in place of the activity sheet
- 7) **College/Vocational School/Program Acceptance Letters and Financial Aid Offers (If Applicable):** If you have received any acceptance letters, and/or a copy of a financial award offered by a higher education institution you are interested in attending at the time of this application, please provide all of these materials. Only provide materials from colleges/institutions you are strongly interested in attending or have committed to attend.
- 8) **Interview:** Students selected for scholarships will be required to be interviewed either in-person or via Zoom meeting before final determination of acceptance

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Contact Information

Name:

_____ *First Name / Middle Name / Last Name*

Date of Birth: _____

Street

Address:

_____ *Street and Apartment (if applicable) Information*

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Name:

_____ *First Name / Last Name*

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Student Information

Gender: ___ Female ___ Male ___ Other

Will you be a first-generation college student? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you eligible to receive free or reduced-cost meals at school? ___ Yes ___ No

Academic Information

Name of High School: _____

Cumulative HS GPA: _____

Number of 9th-12 Grade Community Service Hours: _____

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Higher Education Information

What are your intended major and career field goals?

Have you received any private scholarships that are not listed in the institutional award packages attached to this application? If yes, list the source of funding and amount.

List the top five colleges/universities/institutions (If Applicable) you applied to attend. Indicate if you have been accepted or have committed to attend a college or university at this time.

College/University Name	Accepted? <i>Yes, No, or Undecided</i>	Committed? <i>Yes, No, or Undecided</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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