



**2016 Scholarship Award Program
Application Packet**

**Application Deadline:
Friday, June 24, 2016
6:00 pm**

The Prince George's Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc. (PGCAF) is seeking highly motivated students pursuing higher education for their 2016 Scholarship Award Program. All high school and college students residing in Prince George's County are encouraged to apply.

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General Information about the Scholarship Award Program

The Board of Directors of the Prince George's Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc. plan to award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to students residing in Prince George's County based on the criteria listed below. Scholarship funds must be used for tuition, books, or other approved educational expenses.

Instructions and Criteria for Applying for Awards

1. Applicants must reside in Prince George's County, MD and be a graduating senior from a Prince George's County high school, or a prospective or current undergraduate college student. Graduate students are ineligible to apply.
2. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in the performing arts including music, dance, theatre or other performing arts at an accredited college and/or university in the United States.
3. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.
4. Applicants must submit the required application form to the Prince George's Cultural Arts Foundation Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Committee Chair at scholarship@lakearborjazz.com. Completed applications may also be mailed to:

12138 Central Avenue, Suite 383
Mitchellville, Maryland 20721

Applicants must be sent electronically and include all required documents. Incomplete applications and applications received by mail after the application deadline will not be considered.

5. **Applicant must submit a minimum 500 word, maximum 1,000 word essay explaining his/her need and intended use for the scholarship.** You may choose your essay from one of the following questions:

- Why do you want to be a musician/performer/artist? **OR**
 - Which one aspect of jazz history has motivated/inspired you? **OR**
 - Which one historical or contemporary musician, performer or artist do you admire and why? **AND**
 - Given unlimited opportunity and resources, how would you go about making Prince George's County a great place for the study, performance, expansion of the arts?
6. An official transcript(s) from the applicant's most recent school must accompany this application.
 7. Applicant must provide a minimum of two written statements by appropriate academic officials addressing the student's academic achievement.
 8. Applicant must provide at least two character references.
 9. Applicants currently receiving a full academic scholarship are ineligible to apply.

Scholarship Application Form

Section A - Personal Data

Check Applicable Item

Date: _____/_____/_____

Academic Level Degree Currently Seeking

_____ High School Graduate _____ College Undergraduate / ___ Soph. _____ Jr. _____ Sr.

**** Graduate students are ineligible to apply ****

Name: *First/ Middle Initial/ Last*

Address: Number Street

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email address

Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____

Male _____ Female _____

High School(s) attended: (Official transcripts must be attached.)

Name

City/State

Graduation Date

GPA

**Current/Expected College or University Attending
Attach Letter of Acceptance/Official Transcript**

Name	City/State	Date(s) Attended
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Current/Proposed Major

Section B - Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Information

Father's Name

First Middle Initial Last

Address: Number Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mother's Name:

First Middle Initial Last

Address: Street Number

City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Individuals (other than applicant) dependent upon parents for support:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>

Others dependent upon parents for support (not mentioned above):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>

Children or dependent(s) currently enrolled in College or University:

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Fresh/Soph/Jr./Sr.</u>

Total family annual income from all sources: \$ _____
(Proof of household income may be required.)

Section C - Honors and Awards (*Date, Nature of Award, Brief Description*):

Section D - Community Service/Volunteer Record

List the volunteer organization(s) you participated in and a brief description how you made a difference in your community:

Name of Volunteer Organization: _____

Dates of Volunteer Service: _____

Contact Person: Phone Number: _____

Volunteer Service Performed: _____

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Dates of Volunteer Service: _____

Contact Person: Phone Number: _____

Volunteer Service Performed: _____

Name of Volunteer Organization: _____

Dates of Volunteer Service: _____

Contact Person: Phone Number: _____

Volunteer Service Performed: _____

Section E - Organizational Memberships & Offices held:

Section F - Work Experience: Provide job title, employer name and address, and dates of employment.

Employer	Job Title	City/Date	Dates Employed
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Employer	Job Title	City/State	Dates Employed
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List your specific interest area in the performing arts:

What is your major career goal?

How do you intend to use this scholarship should you receive it?

Section H - "Please attach the following two (2) written recommendations:"

- Academic Achievement Recommendation - High School or College Counselor/Advisor or High School Administrator.
- Character Reference Recommendation - Minister, Teacher/Professor, Supervisor/Co-worker, Organization/Civic/Community Leader, or Professional Person/Mentor who can vouch for your character

Section I - Application Submission Checklist and Qualifying Declaration
Checklist

Before this application can be processed, the applicant shall provide to the Prince George's Cultural Arts Foundation Scholarship Committee a complete application packet.

Please check all that apply:

- I am currently enrolled in, and about to graduate from, a Prince George's County High School or I am currently enrolled in, or planning to attend a college, or university
- I have at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average (out of a possible 4.0).
- I have completed all sections of the application form.
- I have written and attached to this application, a 500 – 1,000 word essay
- I have attached at least two academic letters of recommendation by a school staff member.
- I have attached at least two character reference letters.
- I am providing evidence of my community involvement and/or volunteer service work.
- If awarded the scholarship, I agree to use all the funds only for tuition, books, or other approved educational expense.
- I have attached copies of official transcripts of my latest, or current, school attended.
- I have attached a letter of acceptance from a prospective college (unless already enrolled).

Section J - Qualifying Declaration

I, _____ (full name), do hereby certify that all of the above statements are true. I have met, or will meet, by the date of the scholarship award, all the criteria listed. I agree to accept the decision of the Prince George's Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc.

Signature

Date

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