Performing Arts League INC. PO BOX 4389 • CHATTANOOGA, TN 37405

# GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026 (Revised January 12, 2026)

Thank you for your dedication to the performing arts and your interest in the Performing Arts League Scholarship program. The purpose of the Performing Arts League (PAL) Scholarship program is to encourage individual development and training of student artists in the performance disciplines of Dance, Theater, Instrumental and Vocal Music.

Scholarships are available to students who are rising 8th – current 11th graders who are active participants in Hamilton County 501(c)3 performing arts organizations. More than one student within the organization may make one scholarship request each. Only one scholarship may be awarded per student per year.

**Scholarship applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:**

• Evidence that the requested scholarship meets the purpose of the PAL scholarship program as stated above.

• Evidence that the scholarship will aid the student's artistic goals, increase his/her abilities, and that the selected program is compatible with PAL's mission.

• Evidence that teacher recommendation supports student's application and chosen program.

• Evidence that the student has thoughtfully completed application and included ALL requested information.

**Please read and consider funding information below as you complete your application.**

The following are examples of activities and expenditures that **ARE** consistent with the funding philosophies of the Performing Arts League:

- Youth arts classes, master classes, and workshops
- Artists-in-residence educational youth outreach programs
- Summer arts camps & intensives
- Private lessons

The following are examples of activities and expenditures that are **NOT** consistent with the funding philosophy of the Performing Arts League:

- Lodging, food, transportation
- Competition fees
- Fundraising activities

**Please Note**: If you have any questions about the eligibility of your request, please contact Becky Pope prior to submission.

**Contact Becky Pope, Scholarships & Grants VP, with any questions.**

**Email: thepopes94@comcast.net**

**PERFORMING ARTS LEAGUE**
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

*****Read all instructions and answer all questions thoroughly.**

**To complete, copy and paste ONLY application pages 3-5 into a separate Word document then complete document. Be sure to answer all questions and complete all requested information. Please type all responses.**

**Then save your Word document as a pdf and submit completed PDF application as one file to both emails specified at the bottom of the PAL application. No paper applications will be accepted.**

***Your complete Scholarship Application submission must be emailed by midnight MARCH 6, 2026.*** **In the interest of fairness and equity, late applications will not be considered. You should receive an email confirmation of receipt by PAL within 48 hours of submission. However, we suggest you request an email read receipt.**

**Only complete applications will be considered. All sections and requested information must be included.**

***Notification of awards will be made by April 30, 2026.***

**Download the separate Teacher Recommendation Form and send to a current arts teacher. Contact them prior to sending form and send form in plenty of time for them to submit by deadline. Your application is not complete until Teacher Recommendation Form has been received by PAL.**

**Students: it is your responsibility to confirm that your teacher recommendation has been sent to PAL.**

**Application begins on next page.**

# PERFORMING ARTS LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

## STUDENT INFORMATION

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT. ALL RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED.**

**Student Name:** Age:
Street Address:
City: State: Zip:
Student Phone Number: Student E-Mail Address:
Current Academic School: Current Grade:

**Arts Background**
Current Hamilton County performing organization(s) affiliation:
Number of years enrolled:
Discipline/Talent:
Total number of years you have participated in your arts discipline:
Current director/arts teacher's name and phone number:
Current director/arts teacher email address:

1. What is the intended use of this scholarship? ___Workshop/Intensive ___Private Lessons ___ Arts Camp ___Other (please describe):
2. Name of intended program or private teacher lessons:
3. Give a brief description of the program/lessons and how you think your participation will aid in your future goals.
4. What do you feel your strengths and challenges are as a student artist? Include any recognitions you may have received.
5. Date(s) of the program/lessons:
6. Location of program/private teacher:
7. Has the program application been submitted? Yes No
   If so, have you been accepted? Yes No

   It is recommended that students have been accepted into program PRIOR to applying for scholarship. Any change in student status after submission must be reported to PAL immediately.

8. **Total tuition amount:** **Deadline for tuition:**
9. **Total cost of program (including fees, tuition, housing, transportation, etc.)**
10. **Name, email, and phone from whom you are requesting Teacher Recommendation:**

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## PARENT INFORMATION

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN. PLEASE TYPE ALL RESPONSES.**

Partial scholarships are typically awarded.
Typical amounts awarded range from $500 - $1500.
Amounts awarded vary each year and are based on available funds.

1. Number of people over 18 in your household:
2. Number of people under 18 in your household:
3. The amount your student seeks in scholarship funds is: $
4. The amount your family can reasonably be expected to contribute is: $
5. Will your student still be able to attend program if PAL award is less than requested or denied?
6. Have you received or expect to receive additional funds? What amount? $
7. If there are specific circumstances/reasons for need, please elaborate here.
8. What is the name and complete physical address of the program or private teacher?
9. List all available program or teacher contact information including contact name, email, phone and website link.

**The amount of any additional funds received before or after application submission must be reported to PAL.**
**Payment will be made by the Performing Arts League directly and only to the named teacher or program.**

**LEGAL ASSURANCE & PARENTAL PERMISSION TO APPLY:** *(In the event that a scholarship is awarded as a result of this Application, the recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions as signified by the applicants' signatures. This Application shall become part of the legally binding contract between the applicant and the Performing Arts League.)*

- Should you decide that your student will not attend the program for which you are requesting assistance after application has been submitted, PAL must be notified immediately. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility for future scholarships.
- The scholarship award must be used only for the requested need. The award will be paid directly to the performing arts organization, camp, workshop that student will attend, or named teacher with whom student will study.
- No funds will be awarded or check mailed to program/teacher until parent/guardian has confirmed student attendance by replying to award email within FIVE days of notification. Parent and student will then receive an email confirmation when funds have been sent.
- The recipient shall submit a short essay within thirty (30) days of completion of the awarded activity to the Performing Arts League, Inc., summarizing how this scholarship award was used and how it supports your involvement in the performing art. Specifically: how did the PAL award assist in your training? We love to hear about your experiences.
- Credit must be given to Performing Arts League, Inc. in any printed materials, publicity, including websites. When no printed information is used, verbal credit shall be given prior to each performance or presentation.

**By completing below I acknowledge my support for this application and that all information is true and complete.**

**Name of Parent/Guardian:**
**Parent/Guardian email:**
**Parent/Guardian phone:**

**Parent/Guardian Electronic (or typed) Signature:** **Date:**

**Please email completed application – all sections – as a pdf document by specified deadline to:**
**Becky Pope**
**PAL Scholarships & Grants Vice President**
**thepopes94@comcast.net AND palchat16@gmail.com**
***Be sure to email your submissions to BOTH email addresses.**