

**Palmetto Bluff Inspiring the Arts Scholarship
2027-28 Guidelines**

Scholarship Information

The Palmetto Bluff Inspiring the Arts Scholarship Endowment was established in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in 2024 by Palmetto Bluff Investments, LLC. The mission of the **Palmetto Bluff Inspiring the Arts Scholarship Fund** is to provide annual scholarship awards to assist qualified students who are residents of Beaufort County, South Carolina and who are pursuing a post-secondary education that would enable them to prosper in careers in the arts or an arts related field.

Eligibility Criteria-Applicants must meet the following criteria for consideration:

- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating from a high school in Beaufort County or Jasper County, South Carolina, or Chatham County in Georgia.
- Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic and personal achievement, along with involvement in the arts or an arts related field.
- Applicant must show evidence they have been accepted and will be attending an accredited college or university.
- Applicant must be pursuing a degree program in the area of the arts or an arts related field that will enable them to prosper in a career in the arts or an arts related field.
- Applicants must show evidence of financial need.
- Applicants should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent on an alternate scale.
- Applicants should have a score equivalent to or better than the state average on tests designed to measure aptitude for college (e.g., SAT, ACT), if the tests are required by the college or university they plan to attend.
- Applicants must show evidence of financial need

Application Requirements

1. A completed online scholarship application.
2. Typed essay (approximately 500 words) explaining who or what has inspired you to pursue a path in the arts or an arts related field, and how this scholarship will enable you to pursue your educational goals and build a successful future career in an arts or arts related field.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years uploaded into application or delivered to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry by deadline date.
4. **Submission Summary** from the FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
5. A completed financial need form for applicants and re-applicants.
6. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or non-family member explaining why you should be selected to receive this scholarship award uploaded into application or delivered to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry by deadline date.
7. Selected finalists may be asked to participate in a phone or personal interview with the Palmetto Bluff Inspiring The Arts Scholarship Advisory Committee.



Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	Deadline	March 8, 2027
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	How to Apply	Please see our scholarship page on our website for application

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients in conjunction with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.