Division of Fine Arts Scholarship Handbook

Scholarship Guidelines and Award Procedures

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Art Area Scholarships are provided to students with demonstrated talent in the visual arts who intend to major in Studio Art.

**VALUE OF AWARD**

$1,000 for full-time students (or amount dependent on funding and number of qualified students)

$750 if enrolled as a part-time student

**FIRST YEAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Admission to the university
- Present a portfolio
- 2.75 overall high school GPA
- Major in Studio Art
- Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and report submission to Kentucky State University
CONTINUING STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
(Students who did not receive an Art Area Scholarship as entering freshmen)

- Present a portfolio
- Be nominated by a faculty member
- Overall minimum 2.75 GPA and art curriculum 3.25 GPA
- Major in Studio Art

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND NOTIFICATION

The selection of students to receive Art Area Scholarships will be made by the Art Area Faculty committee as a whole. Names of selected students must be submitted to the University Scholarship Committee for review and will be forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Aid for final approval.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students should apply annually for Art Scholarships by submitting an Application for Scholarship no later than March 15.

RENEWAL OF AWARDS

Art Area Scholarships are renewable. Faculty will review portfolios annually and the recipient must maintain a minimum overall 2.75 GPA and a 3.25 GPA in art classes. Students who fall below these requirements can reapply for the Art Area Scholarship after raising their GPA back to minimum requirements and resubmitting a portfolio. Studio Art majors who work full-time and are part-time students can apply for the scholarships per amount listed above. No student is eligible for the scholarship for more than 8 semesters.
Instrumental Music Scholarships are provided to students with demonstrated talent in Instrumental Music and who intend to major in Music and/or significantly participate in the university’s major instrumental ensembles.

**VALUE OF AWARD**

The awards are highly competitive and the value of each award is fully commensurate with the following criteria:

- A demonstrated level of mature musicianship on one or more instruments, as evidenced through an audition and record of musical accomplishments.
• A demonstrated commitment to major in Music and/or to significantly participate in the university’s instrumental ensembles.

• Students who do not select a major in Music, but significantly participate in the university’s instrumental ensembles, must additionally register for and successfully complete (with a grade of C or above) a commensurate level of Minor Applied music AND a Major Instrumental Performance ensemble for each corresponding semester of the award period.

SELECTION AND FIRST YEAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

• Admission to the university
• Successful audition
• Either major in Instrumental Music or significantly participate in the university’s instrumental ensembles.
• Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and report submission to Kentucky State University

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR MUSIC MAJORS

• At any juncture in the selected studies, should a student opt to change his/her major to anything other than music or fail to adhere to the Criteria for Renewal, the award will be immediately suspended or reduced to a comparable non-music major award based on the student’s individually demonstrated abilities and musicianship within the Instrumental Music Program.

• Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average in music courses, and a cumulative 2.50 cumulative GPA in non-music courses.

• Successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours each semester.

• Fully abide by the university policy regarding class attendance as outlined in the Kentucky State University Catalog.

• Fully abide by the KSU Student Code of Conduct and expectations of the programs in Instrumental Music, including adherence to the expected standards of personal conduct and compliance with directives.

• Fully participate in all rehearsals and performances.
RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR NON-MUSIC MAJORS

- Register for and successfully complete (with a grade of C or above) a commensurate level of Minor Applied music AND a Major Instrumental Performance ensemble for each corresponding semester of the award.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average in music courses, and a cumulative 2.50 cumulative GPA in non-music courses.
- Successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours each semester.
- Fully abide by the university policy regarding class attendance as outlined in the Kentucky State University Catalog.
- Fully abide by the KSU Student Code of Conduct and expectations of the programs in Instrumental Music, including adherence to the expected standards of personal conduct and compliance with directives.
- Fully participate in all rehearsals and performances.

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the formal audition and admission to the university, the selection of students to receive Instrumental Music Scholarships is made by the major ensemble directors in full consultation with the unit faculty and upon final approval of the unit’s administrative officer. Names of selected candidates are submitted to the University Scholarship Committee for review and forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Aid for final disbursement. Recipients are provided with an official scholarship contract. The signed contract MUST be returned by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will void the offer of award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are encouraged to schedule an audition immediately and pursue admission to Kentucky State University prior to May 15.
Vocal Music Scholarships are provided to students with demonstrated talent in Vocal Music and who intend to major in Music and/or significantly participate in the University's Vocal major ensembles.

**VALUE OF AWARD**

The awards are highly competitive and the value of each award is fully commensurate with the following criteria:

- A demonstrated level of mature vocal musicianship, as evidenced through an audition and record of musical accomplishments.
- A demonstrated commitment to major in Music and/or to significantly participate in the University's Vocal ensembles.
- Students who do not select a major in Music, but significantly participate in the University’s Vocal ensembles, must additionally register for and successfully complete (with a grade of C or above) a commensurate level of Minor Applied music AND a Major Vocal Performance ensemble for each corresponding semester of the award period.
SELECTION AND FIRST YEAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Admission to the university
- Successful audition
- Either major in Vocal Music or significantly participate in the University’s Vocal ensembles.
- Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and report submission to Kentucky State University

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR MUSIC MAJORS

- At any juncture in the selected studies, should a student opt to change his/her major to anything other than music or fail to adhere to the Criteria for Renewal, the award will be immediately suspended or reduced to a comparable non-music major award based on the student’s individually demonstrated abilities and musicianship within the Vocal Music Program.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average in music courses, and a cumulative 2.50 cumulative GPA in non-music courses.
- Successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours each semester.
- Fully abide by the university policy regarding class attendance as outlined in the Kentucky State University Catalog.
- Fully abide by the KSU Student Code of Conduct and expectations of the programs in Vocal Music, including adherence to the expected standards of personal conduct and compliance with directives.
- Fully participate in all rehearsals and performances.

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR NON-MUSIC MAJORS

- Register for and successfully complete (with a grade of C or above) a commensurate level of Minor Applied music AND a Vocal Performance ensemble for each corresponding semester of the award period.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average in music courses, and a cumulative 2.50 cumulative GPA in non-music courses.
- Successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours each semester.
- Fully abide by the University policy regarding class attendance as outlined in the Kentucky State University Catalog.
• Fully abide by the KSU Student Code of Conduct and expectations of the programs in Vocal Music, including adherence to the expected standards of personal conduct and compliance with directives.
• Fully participate in all rehearsals and performances.

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the formal audition and admission to the university, the selection of students to receive Vocal Music Scholarships is made by the major ensemble directors in full consultation with the unit faculty and upon final approval of the unit’s administrative officer. Names of selected candidates are submitted to the University Scholarship Committee for review and forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Aid for final disbursement. Recipients are provided with an official scholarship contract. The signed contract MUST be returned by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will void the offer of award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are encouraged to schedule an audition immediately and pursue admission to Kentucky State University prior to May 15.
Piano/Keyboard Music Scholarships are provided to students with demonstrated talent in Piano/Keyboard and who intend to major in Music.

VALUE OF AWARD

The awards are highly competitive and the value of each award is fully commensurate with the following criteria:

- Award based on a student’s talent and performance as demonstrated in a memorized audition for the piano faculty
- Student must agree to pursue a B.A. in Music (piano as major applied area) or a B.M. in Performance or Education (piano as major applied area)

SELECTION AND FIRST YEAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Admission to the university
- Successful audition
• Student must agree to pursue a B.A. in Music (piano as major applied area), a B.M. in Performance or Education (piano as major applied area), or to significantly participate in the University's Vocal or Instrumental ensembles while enrolled in Major Applied Piano lesson
• Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and report submission to Kentucky State University

RENEWAL CRITERIA

• At any juncture in the selected studies, should a student opt to change his/her major to anything other than music or fail to adhere to the Criteria for Renewal, the award will be immediately suspended or reduced to a comparable non-music major award based on the student’s individually demonstrated abilities and musicianship within the Vocal or Instrumental Music Program.
• Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average in music courses, and a cumulative 2.50 cumulative GPA in non-music courses.
• Successfully complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours each semester.
• Fully abide by the university policy regarding class attendance as outlined in the Kentucky State University Catalog.
• Fully abide by the KSU Student Code of Conduct and expectations of the programs in Vocal or Instrumental Music, including adherence to the expected standards of personal conduct and compliance with directives.
• Must provide service to the department in the form of accompanying or other duties as assigned by their applied professor

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the formal audition and admission to the university, the selection is made in full consultation with the unit faculty and upon final approval of the unit’s administrative officer. Names of selected candidates are submitted to the University Scholarship Committee for review and forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Aid for final disbursement. Recipients are provided with an official scholarship contract. The signed contract MUST be returned by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will void the offer of award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are encouraged to schedule an audition immediately and pursue admission to Kentucky State University prior to May 15.
Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts Scholarships (GSA)

VALUE OF AWARD
Equivalent to Full In-state Tuition ($32,000 approximate value)

SELECTION AND FIRST YEAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
• Governor’s School for the Arts alumni
• Admission to the university as a first-time freshman or eligible transfer
• A declared major in Studio Art, Music, Music Performance or Music Education
• Successful audition/portfolio review
• Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and report submission to Kentucky State University

RENEWAL CRITERIA
• Continuance of Major in good standing
• Maintenance of a 3.25 cumulative GPA

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND NOTIFICATION
Pursuant to the formal audition and admission to the university, the selection of students to receive the GSA Scholarship is made in full consultation with the unit faculty and upon final approval of the unit’s administrative officer. Names of selected candidates are submitted to the University Scholarship Committee for review and forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Aid for final disbursement. Recipients are provided with
an official scholarship contract. The signed contract MUST be returned by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will void the offer of award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Students are encouraged to schedule an audition immediately and pursue admission to Kentucky State University prior to May 15.

**Discover Why Students Choose the Fine Arts at KSU**

“To be embraced within an environment that makes you feel secure and, at the same time, facilitates your growth and maturation is priceless. The intimate and personal attention that I received in the music department inspired me. It fully prepared me for success in the music profession, and to be a contributing member of my community and a citizen of the world.”

**Reggie Calloway**
Five-time Grammy Nominee
Founder and VP of Sales West
Royalty Exchange
Los Angeles California

“Kentucky State University overwhelmingly prepared me to experience success as a music educator. I arrived with limited prerequisite skills and departed with all of the necessary knowledge and skills to facilitate outstanding band programs, within the context of comprehensive and diverse Music Education.”

**Walter Banks, Jr.**
Assistant Principal
Whitehaven High School
Memphis, TN
“The KSU Music Department welcomed me, and surrounded me with a diverse community that was so much like myself, passionate about music and the arts. The department’s commitment to developing class and character within the pursuit of excellence allowed me to easily and successfully transition to the corporate world.”

MARK SMITH
Business Development Manager
United States/Canada
Learning@Cisco
Charlotte, NC

“The first things that attract you to the music department are its intimacy and its awesome atmosphere of diversity. The department provided me with the musical skills and pre-professional experiences that enabled me to become a leader in my field.”

DENISE RICHARDSON-JOHNSON
Choral Director
Broad Ripple Magnet High School for the Arts & Humanities
Indianapolis, IN

“The numerous opportunities to travel and perform throughout the United States were irresistible. The department fully prepared me to be the very best at my craft and a staunch advocate for inclusive music education.”

ANGELA BIRCHETT
Music Educator and Performer
New York, NY

“The KSU Department of Music provides an environment that is nurturing, student-centered, and empowering. You are always supported and encouraged as an individual, an aspiring artist and as a pre-professional”

HARRY PATTON, M. ED.
Counseling Chair
Jazz Band Director
Southfield Public Schools
Southfield, MI
“The entire music department displayed a genuine interest in my development. After over 15 years as a music educator, I continue to utilize the valuable lessons and skills mastered at KSU through the department’s commitment to academic and artistic excellence.”

**Patrice DuBose**  
Choral Director  
Renaissance High School  
Detroit, MI

“You will be surrounded by a community of musicians that mentor and truly care for each other. The department will easily become your home away-from-home, and provide you with experiences that will last for your entire lifetime.”

**Qiana M Hall**  
Financial Aid Coordinator  
Kentucky State University  
Frankfort, KY

“The rich traditions and legacy of the KSU Music Department fully focused all of us on actually “doing” music within the context of a diverse society, and those experiences were always challenging, and rewarding.”

**Reginald C. Davis**  
Pastor  
Macedonia Baptist Church  
Keene, KY