



COLLEAGUES OF THE ARTS AWARD APPLICATION

The following information will assist you in preparing an award application to Colleagues of the Arts. Please follow directions carefully and submit your application on or before the deadline. COTA reviews applications in August of each year. New and continuing applicants are required to audition in September of each year.

Purpose:

Colleagues of the Arts is a non-profit organization providing financial and other supportive assistance to qualified, gifted youth in all the Arts: music, drama, dance, art, literature, and other artistic endeavors.

Awards:

Eligible applications for assistance may include requests for monetary awards to cover lessons, workshops, programs, auditions, instruments, supplies or other appropriate expenses. Award range depends on demonstrated need.

Requirements:

Applicants should understand that it is COTA policy to distribute awarded funds directly to the instructor or institution rather than the individual student or family. Since priority is given to students with financial need, documentation of income is required to be considered for an award.

Eligibility:

Gifted young people in need of financial or mentor support to develop their artistic talents, who are full-time residents of Monterey County and 25 years of age or younger. No one will be considered without an audition with the exception being if they have recently auditioned and/or are designated as a COTA Professional Talent.

Award Deadlines:

Applications received or postmarked by August 15th of each year
Auditions will be held between September 1st and the 15th

Applications:

Applications must be received by the above award deadline for consideration. Any individual who does not submit a completed, current application within the designated timeline will not be considered by the Awards Committee. All applications become the property of COTA and will not be returned. All family fiscal information will be destroyed at the conclusion of the grant year. New and on-going applicants are required to participate in the September Auditions program. Upon completion of awarded lessons or programs, award recipients are required to submit the Award Recipient Progress Report Form in order to be considered for future grants.

Notification:

Applicants will be notified by mail by October 1st. Awards period covers October 1st through September 30th.

SHORT ANSWERS

As a young and hopeful artist, please tell us in your own words why you believe you should be considered for assistance:

Please tell us where you have performed or exhibited your field of Art:

Have you received or applied elsewhere for scholarship/grant funds? Yes No

If yes, please give granting organization and date applied:

Activities, awards, honors: List school/community activities in which you have participated in the past two years:

How did you hear about COTA? _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any job you held in the past two years.

<i>Specific nature of work</i>	<i>Employer</i>	<i>Approximate dates of employment</i>	<i>Approximate no. of hours spent per week</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Applicants are required to provide two letters of reference from people who are knowledgeable about your talents. (You are responsible for obtaining these letters of reference. Please identify below:)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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REQUIRED SIGNATURES

By my signature, I declare the information I have provided to be true and correct and give COTA permission to release the information submitted to scholarship programs and/or business organizations that recognize or give awards to local aspiring youth. This application is submitted with full knowledge and consent of both the applicant and parent/legal guardian affirmed by the signatures recorded below.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

ATTACHMENTS:

- Copy of most recent federal income tax return for your family (both parents if filed separately).
- Supporting information on lessons or programs applied for including brochures, flyers, etc.
- Two letters of reference including one from primary Arts instructor.

Submit completed applications to: COTA, PO Box 221667, Carmel, CA 93922