

Berridge Programs 2026 Scholarship Information

We encourage your scholarship application and want to find ways to make our programs possible for all interested applicants. Please read all of this information below carefully. It is important that you submit all of your materials together and complete. We cannot consider incomplete applications.

FINANCIAL NEED SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer flexible awards for a percentage of the program tuition based on demonstrated financial need. The amount is based on financial information you submit to support your application. Awards range from 20 - 50% of the program tuition based on the financial information you supply. Please note that we do not give any FULL scholarships at this time.

If you attend a fee-paying school, you will need to be on scholarship at your school to qualify for this award.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY

All Applicants

- 1. Online application indicating which program you are applying for
- 2. Reference from a teacher who knows you well.
- 3. Most recent secondary school and/or college/university transcripts demonstrating a solid academic record.
- 4. Personal Statement discussing your enthusiasm for the program, why you would like to attend, your experience as a leader (clubs, societies, extracurriculars etc) and what contribution you will make to our community.
- 5. GAP YEAR PROGRAM: If you are applying to a creative gap year program, you will need to submit a portfolio of your work. This could be artwork, writing, films or taped audition pieces.

Please submit portfolio pieces via <u>www.wetransfer.com</u>

If you do not have experience in your chosen artistic concentration, you may write a Statement of Artistic Purpose outlining why you would like to study this concentration, what your artistic goals are and what your future plans might with regards to this discipline (college, professional or personal).

In addition to **ALL the items above**, you will need to submit:

Financial Records: You will need to submit financial information for your parents or guardians which should include tax returns for both parents/guardians showing NET income (income after taxes). If you believe tax returns do not accurately reflect your financial need, you may submit a statement explaining your unique situation.

A Financial Request: Please tell us the amount of scholarship you are looking for that will make the program possible for you and why you are seeking these funds. This can be contained within your personal statement. Please think carefully about this amount. If you can afford to request less than the maximum amount, please do so as it may increase your chances to be awarded a scholarship.

DEADLINES AND DECISIONS

There are no deadlines to apply for scholarship. **However, applying as early as possible may increase your chances.** We accept applications on a rolling basis until the program is full and/or scholarship funds are allocated. Provided that you submit your application complete, you can expect a decision in 2-4 weeks from the time you submit your application.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

There is no deposit due with your scholarship application. If you are successful and awarded a scholarship, you will need to pay a deposit of \$2500 for a gap year program and \$1500 for a summer program. This deposit is fully refundable up to the tuition payment deadline minus a \$500 withdrawal fee should you choose not to attend.

Your full tuition will be due 90 days before your program start date.

We ask that you make sure you can have the funds in place by these dates <u>before you apply.</u> Scholarships are highly competitive so we will not be able to hold a scholarship space while you seek other sources of funding.

If you have any questions about scholarship application or deadlines, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Mardon, Program Director, at andrea@berridgeprograms.com