



Excellence in AP[®] Arts and Music Theory Award Scholarship Communities Foundation of Texas

2017 Application Packet

***Criteria:** Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Donnell, Jr. are pleased to sponsor the annual AP Arts and Music Theory Award Scholarship to recognize four outstanding high school seniors who have participated or are currently participating in the Foundation's Dallas-area AP Fine Arts Incentive Program.*

Each \$20,000 scholarship will be paid in eight bi-annual \$2,500 increments, subject to renewal criteria.

Please Note: Applicants related to employees, volunteers, trustees, donors or any other persons involved in the affairs of the Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT), including the Scholarship Selection Committee, are ineligible for CFT-administered scholarships.

2017 Excellence in AP[®] Arts and Music Theory Award Scholarship Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT)

Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Donnell, Jr. are pleased to sponsor the annual Excellence in AP Arts and Music Theory Award Scholarship to recognize four outstanding high school seniors who have participated or are currently participating in the O'Donnell Foundation's AP Fine Arts Incentive Program. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide four exemplary seniors financial assistance to attend and graduate from the colleges/ universities of their choice in four consecutive years. Each \$20,000 scholarship will be paid in eight bi-annual, consecutive \$2,500 increments, subject to renewal criteria.

Participating schools include: Booker T. Washington HSPVA, Coppell High School, Colleyville Heritage High School, Creekview High School, Grapevine High School, Lovejoy High School, Plano East Senior High School, Plano Senior High School, Plano West Senior High School and Richardson High School.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Texas resident and a U.S. citizen.
- Full-time high school senior enrolled in or received credit for (including taking the AP exam), at least, one course in the O'Donnell Foundation's AP Fine Arts Incentive Program including AP Drawing Portfolio, AP 2D Design Portfolio, AP 3D Design Portfolio, AP Art History and AP Music Theory. If selected as a recipient, evidence of completion of at least one AP fine arts exam will be required prior to release of any payments.
- Maintain or have maintained a 90 or higher average in, at least, one course in the O'Donnell Foundation's AP Fine Arts Incentive Program.
- Completed a minimum of four additional AP classes and exams at the time of application submission.
- Maintain an **unweighted** GPA of 3.6 or above.
- Scored a minimum of 1900 on the SAT or 28 on the ACT.

NOTE: Applicants who receive a full scholarship to the college/ university they plan to attend are ineligible.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Please see page 3 for detailed instructions. Applications must be postmarked to the CFT's Donor Services Department no later than January 31, 2017. **Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.**

Selection Process: The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all qualified applications. **No more than ten of the most qualified applicants will be asked to interview with the Committee.** The Committee may select up to four award winners each year. Final selection is based on each application, essays, teacher recommendations and final interviews. Strong consideration will be given to:

- Intelligence, academic rigor and performance;
- Ability to think independently and creatively;
- Strength of character and integrity;
- Outstanding communication skills – written and oral;
- Track record of strong leadership in high school and the community;
- Potential for continued growth and achievement;
- Commitment to earning a college/university degree in four consecutive years with a 3.0 GPA or higher; and
- Knowledge and application of chosen field of study in arts or music.

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Student Application Instructions:

- All required materials must be postmarked and mailed in one packed no later than **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** to the following address:

Communities Foundation of Texas
Attention: Excellence in AP® Arts and Music Theory Award Scholarship
5500 Caruth Haven Lane
Dallas, Texas 75225-8146
- Label the top right corner of each page of application and attachments with the applicant's name.
- The application and teacher recommendations documents must be typed, double-spaced and 12-point font. No handwritten documents will be accepted.
- Mail or deliver application materials in a flat envelope. Do not fold or staple any portion of the application. Use paperclips.
- Incomplete, late or ineligible applications will be disqualified.
- **For additional information, contact:**

CFT: Elizabeth Liser / 214.750.4234 / eliser@cftexas.org or the Donor Services Department / 214.750.4222/ scholarships@cftexas.org; or

AP Strategies: Deborah Moore / 214.525.3007 / dmoore@apstrategies.org or Melissa Barry / 214.525.3011/ mbarry@apstrategies.org.

Student Application Checklist:

- Student Application Form:** Pages 4-8, includes basic information. 2 essay questions, 2 release agreements (APS and CFT) and a
- Certified copy of high school transcript** which includes 2016 fall semester grades and graduation ranking.
- Official College Board SAT and/or ACT Exam Reports** downloaded from websites as pdf files and printed. <https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?appId=301&DURL=https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/viewscore>
https://services.actstudent.org/OA_HTML/actibeCAcdLogin.jsp
- Official College Board AP Score Report** downloaded as a pdf file from the website and printed. <https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?appId=301&DURL=https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/viewscore>
- Detailed resume** that includes all honors/awards, AP coursework (classes enrolled or taken, and exam grades), extracurricular activities, volunteer and paid work.
- Two essay questions:** Printed word document with name in upper right hand corner of each page, double-spaced, 12-point font.
- Two release agreements** (Communities Foundation of Texas and AP Strategies, Inc.).
- AP Fine Arts Teacher Recommendation Form & Teacher or Professional Recommendation Form:** Pages 9-10, each to be completed, signed and submitted with typed, signed letters of recommendation **in a sealed and signed envelope**. Relatives are prohibited from submitting recommendations.

Applicant Name: _____

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Student Application Form:

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle name: _____

Social Security number: _____ Gender: male female

Date of birth: _____ United States citizen: yes no

Home address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home telephone: _____

Mobile telephone: _____ Student Email: _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

Parent mobile telephone: _____ Parent email: _____

Class rank: _____ of _____

High school: _____ **Unweighted GPA:** _____

SAT total score*: _____ or ACT composite score: _____

SAT reading*: _____ SAT math*: _____

***NOTE: Reported SAT scores should be from the same test date; do not combine best scores for a new composite.**

Indicate which O'Donnell Foundation AP Fine Arts Incentive Program course(s) you are enrolled in or have already completed:

- AP Drawing Portfolio AP Art History
- AP 2D Design Portfolio AP Music Theory
- AP 3D Design Portfolio

AP Fine Arts Incentive Program Teacher Information:

Full name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

High school: _____ Course: _____

Office telephone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Name: _____

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Student Application Form Continued:

List all colleges/universities to which you have applied for admission:

<u>Name and location of college/university</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Pending</u>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate the major(s) and minor(s) you are interested in pursuing:

Major:

Minor:

Applicant Name: _____

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Student Application Form Continued:

Please type (one) 500-word essay response (typed, double-spaced, 12-point) to the following question in the field below. No handwritten responses will be accepted:

1. What or who has played the most transformative role in your life and why?

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Essay 1 Continued:

Applicant Name: _____

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Student Application Form Continued:

Please type (one) 1,000-word essay response (typed, double-spaced, 12-point font) to the following question in the field below. No handwritten responses will be accepted:

2. How will your high school education and leadership experience, including arts and music, advance your continued academic and personal growth?

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Essay 2 Continued:

Applicant Name: _____

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Essay 2 Continued:

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Student Application Form Continued:

APS Publications, Video, Internet Consent and Release Agreement

Consultants, teachers, and students are occasionally asked to be a part of publications and/or public relations activities with Advanced Placement Strategies™, Inc. (APS), a division of National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI). In order to guarantee privacy and ensure your agreement for you to participate, APS asks that you sign this form.

The form referenced below indicates approval for your work to appear in APS and NMSI publications and videos or on the APS and NMSI websites. This work may be used by APS and NMSI in subsequent years.

AGREEMENT

Consultant, teacher, student and parent/guardian release to Advanced Placement Strategies, Inc. their work and consent to their use by APS and NMSI.

APS agrees that the work shall be used only for educational purposes including, but not limited to, teacher/student training, print publications, videos, and the APS website.

Student and parent/guardian understand and agree that:

- No monetary consideration shall be paid;
- Consent and release have been given without coercion or duress;
- This agreement is binding upon heirs and/or future legal representatives;
- The student work may be used in subsequent years;
- Editorial changes may be made to the work for the purposes of publication.

If the student and parent/guardian wish to rescind this agreement they may do so at any time with written notice provided that APS can use the remaining inventory of material containing the work without the need for revision.

Effective date of agreement: _____

Student name (printed): _____

Student email: _____

Parent/guardian name (printed): _____

Parent email: _____

Student signature

Parent signature

Applicant Name: _____

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Student Application Form Continued:

**Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT)
Disclaimer and Release**

I, _____, certify that the information given in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, both accurate and complete.

In the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship, I authorize CFT to announce and publicize my scholarship grant in any manner the Foundation considers reasonable.

I further acknowledge that this scholarship award is contingent upon the total financial assistance package that I may receive. I will notify CFT of all confirmed scholarships awarded to me over the next four years.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of parent/ guardian

Date

To your knowledge, are you related in any way to or acquainted with a member of the staff of Communities Foundation of Texas, one of its Trustees, donors or any other persons involved in the affairs of the Foundation, including the Scholarship Selection Committee?

yes no

If yes, please name the person(s) and indicate your relationship: _____

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AP Fine Arts Teacher Recommendation Form:

Applicant Guidelines: Please provide this form to your teacher **in a timely manner**, so he or she may complete and **return it to you** prior to the **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** postmark deadline. Applications without teacher recommendations are incomplete and ineligible for consideration.

Teacher Guidelines:

- Complete and sign this form.
- Type in your recommendation in the space provided on the next page, using 12-point font. You may provide a response of up to a full page. No handwritten recommendations, please.
- Use paperclips; do not staple any portion of the nomination. Include this Form in a sealed and signed envelope. Sealed envelopes should be **returned to the applicant for submission** to CFT **before the postmark deadline, Tuesday, January 31, 2017**.
- Teacher recommendations play a **very important** role in the Scholarship Selection Committee's decision making. The Committee would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant; please address the following:
 - Intelligence, academic rigor and performance;
 - Ability to think independently and creatively;
 - Strength of character and integrity;
 - Outstanding communication skills – written and oral;
 - Track record of strong leadership in high school and the community;
 - Potential for continued growth and achievement;
 - Commitment to earning a college/university degree in four consecutive years with a 3.0 GPA or higher; and
 - Knowledge and application of chosen field of study in arts or music.

AP Fine Arts Incentive Program Teacher Information:

Full name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

High school: _____ Position: _____

School mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office telephone number: _____ Email: _____

List every course you have taught this student, noting for each the student's grade level and the level of course difficulty (AP, accelerated, honors, IB, elective; etc.):

Course	Grade level	Level of difficulty	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Teacher signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

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AP Fine Arts Teacher Recommendation Form (page 2):

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Teacher or Professional Recommendation Form:

Applicant Guidelines: Please provide this form to your teacher **in a timely manner**, so he or she may complete and **return it to you** prior to the **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** postmark deadline. Applications without teacher recommendations are incomplete and ineligible for consideration.

Teacher or Professional Guidelines:

- Complete and sign this form.
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Teacher or Professional Information:

Full name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

High school or business: _____ Position: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office telephone number: _____ Email: _____

List every course you have taught this student, noting for each the student’s grade level and the level of course difficulty (AP, accelerated, honors, IB, elective; etc.):

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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Teacher or professional signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

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