



## **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA**

The objective of this scholarship program is to nurture performing arts skills in young individuals, leading to a lifelong interest in the performing arts – either as a professional performer or as an avocation while pursuing an unrelated career.

We offer two categories of scholarships:

- 1) The first category is for graduating high school seniors and those already enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning.
- 2) The second category is for middle and high school students, with a grant component for community organizations supporting students of the performing arts.

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A) Graduating high school seniors will be given priority, and then and those already enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning leading to an Associate, Bachelors or Graduate degree.

1. Applicants may apply for scholarship funds to improve, augment, or develop new skills in traditional and emerging performing arts. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing theater, dance and vocal and instrumental music of all genres. Consideration will also be given to fields related to the performing arts, such as filmmaking, audio engineering, playwriting and screenwriting, performance poetry, etc.
2. Applicants' scholastic standing and participation in extracurricular activities related to the performing arts will be considered positively, but will not be an overriding consideration in awarding scholarships.
3. Preference will be given to students residing in Ouray County, including those who are home schooled. Consideration will also be given to students living in neighboring communities who participate in performing arts events or programs within Ouray County.

B) Middle school and high school students.

1. Scholarships or grants may be given to individuals, or to community organizations supporting students of the performing arts.
2. Scholarships or grants may be used to further develop a student's skills in the performing arts. Granted funds may be used for camps, seminars, performance tours and other educational endeavors within the performing arts realm.
3. Preference will be given to students residing in Ouray County, including those who are home schooled. Consideration will also be given to students living in neighboring communities who participate in performing arts events or programs within Ouray County.
4. Prior to High School graduation, the number of cash awards is limited to three (3). The number of prior awards will not affect one's eligibility for a college scholarship