



## Scholarship Application and Financial Assistance Q & A

Hi Haven Parents and Students!

Welcome to our Annual Scholarship Application. We have carefully structured our Scholarship Application process to suit our Haven families' needs, so please take the time to read the Q & A section below before beginning your application process. Thank you!

**Q:** So, what's new about the Scholarship Application?

**A:** We know our scholarship applications are lengthy, so we have adjusted our process so that ***you only need to fill out ONE application per season***. You now have the opportunity to look at the entire Haven year and select your financial aid shows in advance. This will allow our families to better plan their year and their finances, as well as give our Scholarship Committee better foresight regarding our Scholarship Fund.

**Q: When is my application due?**

**A:** Your scholarship application is due **on the deadline of the first show for which you apply**. For example, if you want to apply for the Spring and Summer Shows, you do not have to turn in your application until the Spring deadline (December 7<sup>th</sup>). However, we do recommend turning in your application as early as possible, especially if you are applying for a show that runs later in our season. Earlier is better, as we will have more funds available, and you are more likely to be awarded the financial aid that you request. Our scholarship deadlines are as follows:

***Fall Season 2019 Scholarship Applications due August 19<sup>th</sup>.***

***Spring Season 2020 Scholarship Applications due December 6<sup>th</sup>.***

***Summer Season 2020 Scholarship Applications due March 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***Summer Camps 2020 Scholarship Application due May 8<sup>th</sup>.***

Late applicants will not be accepted.

**Q: What do I have to do to apply for a scholarship?**

**A:** You will need to complete a **Scholarship Application**, include any additional paperwork requested, and turn it in to our office by the deadline. Our Scholarships Application forms can be downloaded from our website and are age specific. Please make sure that you are filling out the age appropriate Scholarship Application.

**Q: How do I turn in my scholarship application?**

**A:** Mail it to us at:

343 Coral Circle, El Segundo CA 90245

Or drop it by our office during business hours: Tues. 12-5, Wed. 1-5, Thurs. 12-5, Fri. 12-6

**Q: What types of Scholarships are available?**

**A:** Our Scholarship Committee awards two types of Scholarships: **Full Scholarships** and **Partial Scholarships**. A Full Scholarship covers the tuition fee in its entirety, excluding the \$50.00 Costume and Materials fee, which is due at the time of Registration. A Partial Scholarship amount is adjusted individually based on need as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

**Q: I feel like there are other families who are more in need of financial aid than my family. Applying makes me feel guilty!**

A: Please apply! We have many families who struggle with applying for financial aid because they feel like they don't "need" it. Keep in mind that our partial scholarships are for any amount: \$50, \$100 etc. Although it's true that some of our scholarship students are indeed recipients of full scholarship each and every show, most families apply for \$100 off tuition here, or \$150 off here; many of our scholarship families simply need a little extra assistance to keep their kids in our program. Our Scholarship Fund exists just as much for cases like that as it does for the students on the poverty line.

**Q: How will I know if I have been awarded a scholarship?**

A: You will be contacted with an email or letter letting you know if you have or have not been awarded a scholarship. Please be aware that students awarded Full Scholarships will still be required to pay the \$50.00 Costume and Materials fee at the time of registration. **Scholarships In Installments Contracts** are available for those who receive a Partial Scholarship but need to utilize a payment plan.

All students awarded a scholarship – full or partial – must sign a **Scholarship Contract**, which you will receive in the mail at the time of your acceptance. Please sign and turn in the contract at registration. Please read the contract before you accept the scholarship so that you are aware of your responsibilities as a scholarship student

**Q: What is a Scholarship In Installments Contract?**

A: A **Scholarship In Installments Contract** is for our families who receive a Partial Scholarship and need to pay their remaining tuition over the course of the rehearsal process. You can request a Scholarship In Installments Contract in your Scholarship Application. Scholarship In Installment Contracts will be included with your acceptance letter, and must be turned in at registration. All installments must be turned in by closing night; your child will not be allowed to participate in the next Haven show if all installments have not been turned in, and an outstanding balance after closing night will result in your child's ineligibility to apply for future scholarship.

**Q: So... I don't have to apply for a Standard Payment Plan?**

A: Nope! **Standard Payment Plans** are automatic. Families who want a Standard Payment Plan will pay an upfront fee at Registration, and sign up through our website for automatic withdrawal. You may not participate in a payment plan without setting up automatic withdrawal through our website.

**Q: I am looking to apply for a Sibling Discount, but I don't see the place to do so...**

A: That's because our **Sibling Discounts** are also automatic! At the time of payment, the Sibling Discount coupon code (2<sup>nd</sup> child 25% off, 3<sup>rd</sup> child 50% off) will automatically be applied to your order. You will be asked to use a coupon code if you are ordering online. If you feel able, you are welcome to not take the sibling discount and donate back the difference for a tax write off.

*For Jr. High and High School Applicants Only*

**Q: Who can write me a letter of recommendation?**

A: A teacher, mentor, coach, or other adult who is not a family member or associated with Haven. See our **Letter of Recommendation Guidelines** in our Jr. High and High School level Scholarship Application.

**Q: What is a Work Study Contract?**

A: If you are awarded a Scholarship as a Jr. Higher or High Schooler, you will be required to participate in our **Work Study** program. Partial Scholarship students must complete 15 hours of Work Study, and Full Scholarship Students must complete 30 hours of Work Study. Please keep in mind that your Work Study hours do **not** count towards volunteer hours for college applications. Your Work Study hours are not volunteer hours; they are your way of paying your tuition in a non-monetary way. You may not count Work Study hours as Volunteer Hours on college applications. Failure to complete your full Work Study hours will result in ineligibility for future scholarship.

Your **Work Study Contract Log** will be included in your **Scholarship Acceptance Letter**.

*Still have questions?*

*Email us at [info@havenartsacademy.org](mailto:info@havenartsacademy.org) and we will be more than happy to assist you.*