Tribute Fund Scholarship Grant Application Guidelines

Scholarship Overview

In 2021, the Chicago Calligraphy Collective established the Tribute Fund Scholarship Grant to pay tribute to our past and inspire our future. Through this scholarship grant we will celebrate the lives and talents of esteemed members of our guild and honor their giving spirits. This scholarship grant—providing educational opportunities—reflects upon the mission statement of the Chicago Calligraphy Collective.

“The Chicago Calligraphy Collective is organized for the charitable and educational purposes of promoting the study, practice, and appreciation of calligraphy—the art of beautiful writing—in all its historical and present-day applications.”

About the Scholarship Grant

A Tribute Fund Scholarship Grant of up to $500 USD may be awarded annually to a deserving applicant who meets the application requirements.

Anyone from a beginner to seasoned calligrapher may be the recipient of the scholarship grant. Applicants will be given the opportunity to state special circumstances making them uniquely suitable for selection. Applicants of all skill levels will receive equal consideration.

The scholarship grant is designed to provide financial support for furthering knowledge of calligraphy and its related arts and may be used for workshop or conference registration fees, online learning or new endeavors of calligraphic study. The program must be open to the greater calligraphic community and fees will be paid directly to the program host. More than one program may be funded not to exceed the limit. Funds must be used within the calendar year the scholarship grant is awarded. Monetary assistance for supply fees assessed by the educational program may be part of the scholarship grant if deemed appropriate by the
Selection Committee. The scholarship grant may not be used for travel related expenses or room and board.

Applications will be accepted between October 1st and December 15th. An appointed Selection Committee will review applications using a blind selection process prior to choosing the recipient. Applicants will be notified of their status by January 31st.

Requirements

- Any member who has been a paid member of the Chicago Calligraphy Collective for at least the past two years is eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
- Applicant should demonstrate a desire to expand their calligraphic knowledge and experience.
- The grant recipient must maintain their CCC membership until all scholarship grant requirements have been fulfilled.
- The grant recipient is required to give back to the Chicago Calligraphy Collective at the conclusion of their grant cycle. Examples include a CCC Presents program, a workshop or demonstration for your community or the CCC based on the contents of your studies. This is in addition to an in-depth article on your experiences for the CCC newsletter.
- The grant recipient must agree to allow the Chicago Calligraphy Collective to use their name, story, photographs and/or images of their artwork in the newsletter, website and other promotional materials as well as on social media, including Facebook and Instagram.
- Scholarship grants are non-transferrable. If the recipient is unable to attend the program, the award is forfeited and the recipient is responsible for all cancellation fees as well as reimbursement of funds not used for their intended purpose.
- Scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply for subsequent grants for two years after completion of current scholarship grant requirements. There are no restrictions for reapplying for an applicant whose proposal has not been funded.
Collective’s Officers, Directors, members of the Tribute Fund Scholarship Grant Selection Committee and major donors and their families are disqualified from receiving scholarship grants.

Application Procedure

- Complete the application form which includes Personal Contact Information, Certification Signature, Promotional Release, Membership Status, Biographical Statement, Purpose of Applying, Special Circumstances, Projected Costs and Reciprocity Commitment.
- To assist the Selection Committee in their search for a promising student of calligraphy, please submit three examples of your current artwork exhibiting your passion for calligraphy or its related arts. Images must be high resolution 300 dpi JPEGs, minimum 1024 pixels wide by 768 pixels high. Artwork done under the direct supervision of an instructor will not be accepted as a qualifying sample. Please do not submit images of artwork previously displayed in a CCC exhibit that the Selection Committee might recognize.
- To ensure anonymity during the blind selection process, your name, email address or website MUST NOT APPEAR in any of the essay answers or on your artwork. If you must digitally erase your name from the artwork, any resulting smudge will not reflect negatively. Failure to follow directions will result in disqualification.
- Applications will not be considered unless they are complete and received by December 15th at 11:59 p.m. (CST) with no exceptions.
- Please email any questions to vicepresident@chicagocalligraphy.org.

Submission

- The online application is available at https://www.chicagocalligraphy.org/scholarshipgrant/login
- To complete the application you will need a Gmail account. Go to the Google Account creation page to sign up for a Gmail account. Follow the steps on the screen to set up your account.
• Only one submission per applicant will be accepted. Answer all questions as outlined. Essay responses will be limited by a word counter.

• Only JPEG images and PDF documents will be accepted as an attachment to your application.

• After submitting your application, select the option to have Google Forms send you an email confirmation with your responses. You may then print a copy of the completed application. Save the email confirmation as proof of timely submission of your completed application and supporting images.

• Once the application deadline has passed, you will not be able to make any changes to your submission.