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FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible, students must:

- File a 2027-2028 FAFSA or Illinois Alternative Application for Financial Aid listing Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC School Code: 001636) and complete all required checklist items.
- Submit a scholarship application.
- Be a degree or certificate seeking student.
- Enroll in at least 12 credit hours per term.
- Maintain a 67% cumulative completion rate and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Demonstrate excellence in art, music or theatre.

Terms & Conditions:

- Only complete applications received will be considered.
- The SWIC Scholarship Committee will determine recipients based on the above criteria, application responses, and unmet financial need.
- Candidates will be notified of the decision through their SWIC student email.
- The scholarship is awarded for fall and/or spring semesters. Summer semester is not eligible.
- The scholarship covers tuition only for classes that appear on the student's academic transcripts. It does not cover fees, books, or proficiency examination costs.
- Scholarship award funds will be applied to tuition charges after Illinois MAP grant when applicable, but before any Federal Pell Grant or Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans.

Priority Deadline

- June 1, 2027

SWIC Arts ScholarshipAward Details:

- Fall 2027: **$500 -** Spring 2028: **$500**
- Fall 2028: **$500 -** Spring 2029: **$500**
- Total Award: **$2,000**

How to Apply:

1. Complete the FAFSA or Illinois Alternative Application for Financial Aid and all assigned follow up items.
2. Log into your eSTORM Student Center and select the Forms and Resources tile.
3. Navigate to the SWIC Arts Scholarship Form in Financial Aid Forms to complete the application. Instructions will be provided for submitting additional scholarship materials

Financial Aid, Veteran Services, & Student Employment Office
Email: fin_aid@swic.edu
Phone: (618) 235 – 2700, ext. 5288
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SWIC SOUTHWESTERN™ ILLINOIS COLLEGE

Fine and Performing Arts Scholarship Program Application: 2027 - 2028

Applicants can demonstrate excellence in art by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Submit a portfolio of work containing 8-10 images of the student's art work.
- Write a 100–300 word student artist statement of interest that describe your choice of art and why you chose it and your interest in SWIC art.
- Maintain enrollment in one ART course every Fall and Spring semester (total of at least 4 courses).

Applicants can demonstrate excellence in art by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Submit a short video (less than 5 minutes) of your current skills in music.
- Provide at least one letter of recommendation or a survey completed by a music teacher (i.e. high school teacher or private voice/instrument teacher).
- Maintain enrollment in one Music course every Fall and Spring semester (total of at least 4 courses).

Applicants can demonstrate excellence in art by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Have a minimum of 2 years of experience in your high school theatre program or another theatre community (performing and/or technical - lighting, set design, running crew, stage management, etc.)
- Provide at least one letter of recommendation or a survey completed by a teacher or director demonstrating leadership, collaborative, organizational skills, and excellent work ethic.
- Actively participate in SWIC theatre productions while enrolled.
- Maintain enrollment in one Theatre (THEA) course every Fall and Spring semester (total of at least 4 courses).