

2017 Friends of SOTA Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Amount	Open to
Allen Memorial Performing Scholarship	\$2000 (\$500 each year, renewable for up to 4 years)	Any major at SOTA: Students with financial need entering college to study the performing arts (music/vocal, dance, drama, or theatre technology).
Belles Arts Dance Scholarship	\$500	SOTA dance students with financial need who excel in dance and will continue to study dance in college
Margarette Douyon STEM Scholarship	\$500	Any major SOTA graduates pursuing post-secondary education in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
Creative Writing Scholarship	\$500	Outstanding Creative Writing student, regardless of what they pursue in college.
SOTA Alumni Scholarship	\$500	Any major at SOTA: Applicant must be entering a college, university or institute to study the arts (drama, dance, music or vocal arts, performing arts, visual arts, creative writing, technical arts)
Friends of SOTA Academic Excellence Award	\$400	Any major at SOTA, any field of study in college: SOTA student demonstrating academic excellence (GPA 3.75 or higher) and commitment to learning
Friends of SOTA Artistic Excellence Award	\$400	Any major at SOTA, any field of study in college: SOTA student demonstrating artistic excellence and commitment to the arts
Friends of SOTA Humanistic Excellence Award	\$400	Any major at SOTA, any field of study in college: SOTA student demonstrating strong leadership skills and a commitment to community service

Allen Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship
in memory of Susan, Bud and Grace Allen

This scholarship fund was endowed to Friends of School of the Arts by Roberta (Bobbie) Allen, the daughter of Grace & Bud Allen, and Betsy A. Wilson, granddaughter of Grace & Bud Allen, in January of 2012. The fund will provide scholarships to needy and talented SOTA students entering college to study the performing arts (music/vocals, dance, drama, or theatre technology). This follows in Bud & Grace Allen's tradition of supporting high school students with financial need who excel in the performing arts.

The amount of the scholarship award is \$2000, which will be paid in 4 payments of \$500 at the start of each academic year. Proof of continued enrollment and academic success (min GPA of 2.5) will be required to obtain all 4 payments.

Allen Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from the School of the Arts.
- Applicant must be entering a college or university to study the **performing arts** (music/vocals, dance, drama, theatre technology).
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- Applicant must possess a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Allen Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship Application and Selection Process:

Applications are available from your guidance counselor or on the Friends of SOTA website at www.friendsofsota.org. Complete the application and submit it *to your counselor* along with the following supporting documents on or before **MAY 5, 2017**:

- Complete Friends of SOTA General Scholarship Application form
- Letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university.
- **TWO** letters of recommendation, one from a SOTA arts teacher and one from your counselor. You may submit additional recommendation letters from others who are familiar with your artistic achievement.
- Official high school transcript.
- Senior mid-year grade report.
- Financial aid award letter and/or tuition bill.
- Personal Statement: Please answer these questions for the selection committee (submissions must be typed):
 - **How has SOTA shaped your decision to pursue a career in the arts?**
 - **Where would you like to be in 5 years?**
 - **How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?**
 - **How can you give back to the SOTA community once you become an arts professional?**

Award Notification and Expectations of the Scholarship Recipient:

Friends of School of the Arts will administer the scholarship on behalf of the student. Award notification will be sent by **June 1**. The initial award check will be presented at the SOTA awards ceremony in June.

The winner will furnish a grade report and proof of continued enrollment to Friends of School of the Arts at 45 Prince Street, Rochester, NY 14607 in June of each year. A scholarship check will be mailed to the student in August of each year. It is the recipient's responsibility to send the required documents to Friends of SOTA each year to renew the scholarship and to notify Friends of SOTA if there are changes to his/her contact information.

Bellas Artes Dance Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established to support high school students with financial need who excel in dance and will continue to study dance in college.

ONE \$500 scholarship is awarded each year.

Bellas Artes Dance Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from the School of the Arts.
- Applicant must be entering a college or university to study dance.
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- Applicant must possess a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Bellas Artes Dance Scholarship Application and Selection Process:

Applications are available from your guidance counselor or on the Friends of SOTA website at www.friendsofsota.org. Complete the application and submit it *to your counselor* along with the following supporting documents on or before **MAY 5, 2017**:

- Complete Friends of School of the Arts General Scholarship Application Letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university.
- TWO letters of recommendation, one from a SOTA art teacher and one from your counselor. You may submit additional recommendation letters from others who are familiar with your artistic achievement.
- Official high school transcript.
- Senior mid-year grade report.
- Financial aid award letter and/or tuition bill.
- Personal Statement: Please answer these questions for the selection committee (submissions must be typed):
 - **How has SOTA shaped your decision to pursue a career in dance?**
 - **Where would you like to be in 5 years?**
 - **How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?**
 - **How can you give back to the SOTA community once you become an arts professional?**

Award Notification:

Friends of School of the Arts Scholarship Committee will administer the scholarship on behalf of the student. Award notification will be sent by **June 1**. The award check will be presented at the SOTA Awards Ceremony in June.

Margarette Douyon STEM Scholarship

Established in 2014 in memory of beloved science teacher Margarette Douyon. This fund will recognize and provide financial support to School of the Arts graduates pursuing post-secondary education in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

ONE \$500 scholarship is awarded each year.

Margarette Douyon STEM Scholarship Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from the School of the Arts
- Applicant must possess a 2.5 grade point average or better
- Applicant must be entering a college, university or institute to study science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Margarette Douyon STEM Scholarship Selection Criteria:

Applications are available through school counselors, on the school website or on FSOTA website friendsofsota.org. Eligible students must complete the application form, and submit with accompanying documentation on or before **MAY 5, 2017**.

- Complete Friends of School of the Arts General Scholarship Application Submit a letter of acceptance into an accredited college or university
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a SOTA teacher, counselor, or administrator
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit a senior mid-year grade report
- Submit financial aid award letter and/or tuition bill
- Attach a personal statement about **your future educational and/or career goals and how SOTA assisted you in pursuing such goals.**

Friends of School of the Arts Scholarship Committee will administer the scholarship on behalf of the student. Candidates will be notified by **June 1**. The award will be presented at the SOTA Awards Ceremony in June.

Creative Writing Scholarship

Established in 2015 by an anonymous donor, the SOTA Creative Writing Scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding Creative Writing student, regardless of what they pursue in college. Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue a field related to writing, including English, writing, journalism, filmmaking, comparative literature, or a related field.

ONE \$500 scholarship is awarded each year.

Creative Writing Scholarship Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from the SOTA Creative Writing program
- Applicant must possess a 2.5 grade point average or better
- Applicant may be entering college to study in any field, though preference may be given to students entering a writing-related field.

Creative Writing Scholarship Selection Criteria:

Applications are available through school counselors, on the school website or on FSOTA website friendsofsota.org. Eligible students must complete the application form, and submit with accompanying documentation on or before **MAY 5, 2017**.

- Complete Friends of School of the Arts General Scholarship Application Submit a letter of acceptance into an accredited college or university
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a SOTA teacher, counselor, or administrator
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit a senior mid-year grade report
- Submit financial aid award letter and/or tuition bill
- Attach a personal statement about **your future educational and/or career goals and how your SOTA Creative Writing will assist you in pursuing such goals.**

Friends of School of the Arts Scholarship Committee will administer the scholarship on behalf of the student. Candidates will be notified by **June 1**. The award will be presented at the SOTA Awards Ceremony in June.

Friends of School of the Arts Alumni Scholarship

Established in June 2008 as a standing committee within the Friends of School of the Arts Board, the Alumni Committee is a group of professional alumni who are committed to SOTA students past and present. Our goal is to heighten awareness within the Rochester community and beyond of the achievements, humanitarian acts and current endeavors of SOTA Alumni. We want to serve as mentors and role models for the existing student body.

The Friends of SOTA Alumni Committee has established a scholarship fund to support students continuing their arts education post high school. This fund will recognize and provide financial support to School of the Arts graduates pursuing post-secondary education in the arts.

There is one annual award. This year, the award is \$500.

SOTA Alumni Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from the School of the Arts
- Applicant must possess a 2.5 grade point average or better
- Applicant must be entering a college, university or institute to study the arts (drama, dance, music/vocals, performing arts, creative writing, technical arts)

SOTA Alumni Scholarship Application and Selection Process:

Applications are available through school counselors or on FSOTA website www.friendsofsota.org. Eligible students must complete the application form, and submit *to their counselor* with accompanying documentation on or before **MAY 5, 2017**.

- Complete Friends of School of the Arts General Scholarship Application
- Submit a letter of acceptance into an accredited college or university
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a SOTA teacher, counselor, or administrator
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit a senior mid-year grade report
- Submit financial aid award letter and/or tuition bill
- Attach a type written, 500 word essay on the following topic: ***Please describe your future educational and/or career goals and how your experiences at SOTA will help you achieve these goals***

Award Notification

Friends of School of the Arts Alumni Committee will administer the scholarship on behalf of the student. Candidates will be notified by **June 1**. The award will be presented at the SOTA Awards Ceremony in June.

Friends of School of the Arts
Academic, Artistic and Humanistic Excellence Awards

These three awards were initiated in 2015 as a way of recognizing SOTA students who exemplify the SOTA mission of success – academic, artistic and humanistic. These awards are open to SOTA students in any major who are going on to pursue further education in any field, regardless of financial need. We are looking for students whose in-school performance and extra curricular activities demonstrate these characteristics through sustained passion for learning, for excellence in artistic expression or for dedication to leadership and community service.

THREE \$400 scholarships are awarded each year.

Academic, Artistic and Humanistic Excellence Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior, any major
- Applicant must possess a 2.5 grade point average or better
- Applicant may be entering any further education program

Academic, Artistic and Humanistic Excellence Selection Criteria:

All students who submit a scholarship application to Friends of School of the Arts are considered for these awards. Eligible students must complete the application form, and submit with accompanying documentation on or before **MAY 5, 2017**.

- Complete Friends of School of the Arts General Scholarship Application
- Submit a letter of acceptance into an accredited college, university or further education program
- Submit TWO letters of recommendation, one from a SOTA teacher, counselor, or administrator and one from an extracurricular activity or from someone close to you who can vouch for your character and commitment
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit a senior mid-year grade report
- Submit financial aid award letter and/or tuition bill
- Attach a personal statement about **your future educational and/or career goals and how your experiences at SOTA will help you achieve these goals.**

Friends of School of the Arts Scholarship Committee will administer the scholarship on behalf of the student. Candidates will be notified by **June 1**. The award will be presented at the SOTA Awards Ceremony in June.