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**Berridge Programs**

**2025/2026 Scholarship Information**

We encourage your scholarship application and want to find ways to make our programs possible for all interested applicants. **Please note that you can only apply for one type of scholarship.** Our scholarships cannot be combined.

**TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP**

**Financial Need Scholarship**

A flexible award for a percentage of the program tuition based on demonstrated financial need. The amount is based on financial information you submit to support your application. The award ranges from 30 – 50% of the program tuition for our gap year programs and 15 - 25% of the program tuition for our summer program. If you attend a fee-paying school, you will need to be on scholarship at your school to qualify for this award.

**Diversity Scholarship**

A flexible award for a percentage of the program tuition based on demonstrated financial need. The amount is based on financial information you submit to support your application. The award ranges from 30-50% of the program tuition and is available to historically underrepresented groups including, but not limited to, people of color, Indigenous persons, and disabled persons.

Please note that program tuition includes all room, board, activities, and airport transfers. It **does not include** round trip airfare to France and some meals out.

**Global Perspectives Award**

Students residing outside the United States are invited to be considered for our Global Perspectives Award, which offers $5,000 off tuition for any gap year program lasting eight weeks or more. Since the majority of our participants come from the US, this award is designed to foster a more diverse student body. By welcoming individuals from different countries and cultures, we enhance the program experience, creating opportunities for American students to learn, collaborate, and grow alongside peers with unique global perspectives.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY**

**All Applicants**

1. Online application indicating which scholarship you are applying for
2. Reference from a teacher who knows you well.
3. Most recent secondary school and/or college/university transcripts demonstrating your academic excellence.
4. Personal Statement discussing your enthusiasm for the program, why you would like to attend, your experience as a leader (clubs, societies, extracurriculars etc) and what contribution you will make to our community.
5. Creative Pathways: If you are applying to our Spring program, Creative Pathways, you must outline your experience in your chosen Artistic Concentration. Please attach a resume to your application that outlines classes, workshops, shows, demo tapes, films and other artistic projects and experience.

Please submit portfolio pieces via [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com)

If you do not have experience in your chosen artistic concentration, you may write a Statement of Artistic Purpose outlining why you would like to study this concentration, what your artistic goals are and what your future plans might with regards to this discipline (college, professional or personal).

**Financial Need Scholarship**

In addition to all the items above, you will need to submit:

Financial Records: You will need to submit financial information for your parent or guardian which should include tax returns for both parents/guardians showing NET income (income after taxes). If you believe tax returns do not accurately reflect your financial need, you may submit a statement explaining your unique situation.

A Statement of Financial Request indicating the amount of scholarship you are looking for that will make the program possible for you and why you are seeking these funds. This can be contained within your personal statement. Please think carefully about this amount. If you can afford to request less than the maximum amount, please do so as it may increase your chances to be awarded a scholarship.

**Diversity Scholarship**

In addition to ALL the items above, you will need to submit:

Diversity Statement: Please outline how you fit the Diversity Scholarship criteria.

Financial Records: You will need to submit financial information for your parent or guardian which should include tax returns for both parents/guardians showing NET income (income after taxes). If you believe tax returns do not accurately reflect your financial need, you may submit a statement explaining your unique situation.

A Statement of Financial Request indicating the amount of scholarship you are looking for that will make the program possible for you and why you are seeking these funds. This can be contained within your personal statement. Please think carefully about this amount. If you can afford to request less than the maximum amount, please do so as it may increase your chances to be awarded a scholarship.

**Global Perspectives Award**

Please include in your personal statement where you live, what your creative interests and experience are (you may submit a portfolio if you wish to strengthen your application) why you are interested in attending our program and what unique cultural perspectives you might offer our community.

**DEADLINES AND DECISIONS**

There are no deadlines to apply for scholarship.We accept applicationson a rolling basis until the program is full and/or scholarship funds are allocated. Provided that you submit your application complete, you can expect a decision in 2-3 weeks from the time you submit your application.

**Payment Deadline for Scholarships**

There is no deposit due with your scholarship application. If you are successful and awarded a scholarship, you will need to pay your tuition in full 7-10 days after you are awarded your scholarship. We ask that you make sure you can have the funds in place by these dates before you apply. Scholarships are highly competitive so we will not be able to hold a scholarship space while you seek other sources of funding.

If you have any questions about scholarship application or deadlines, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Mardon, Program Director, at andrea@berridgeprograms.com