

## The Sarah Creech Performing Arts Scholarship 2019-20 Guidelines

### Scholarship Information

The Sarah Creech Performing Arts Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation in 2013 in memory of Sarah Creech by her family and friends. The scholarship will provide annual post-secondary educational scholarships for qualified students who plan to pursue or are currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program in the area of the Performing Arts.

### Eligibility Criteria

A high school Senior scheduled to graduate this year from a Southern Beaufort County high school or a student currently enrolled in an accredited college or university, who is a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County, with financial need, and who has been accepted to or is currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program in the area of the Performing Arts.

### Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#). This scholarship considers financial need in addition to other criteria, be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need.
2. Typed essay (1,000-2,000 words) explaining how this scholarship will assist the applicant in achieving academic and career goals, entered into the application.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, **uploaded into application via 3<sup>rd</sup> party email by the student's counselor or teacher.**
4. Information from the applicant's and the applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) federal tax returns for the last **two** years, uploaded as part of the online application.
5. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - showing Expected Family Contribution or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded as part of the online application.
6. A completed Financial Need Form available to download on the online application.
7. Selected finalists may be required to attend a personal interview with the Sarah Creech Performing Arts Scholarship Advisory Committee.

<b>Scholarship Type</b>	Undergraduate/Post Secondary	<b>How to Apply</b>	<a href="http://www.cf-lowcountry.org/scholarships">www.cf-lowcountry.org/scholarships</a>
<b>Award</b>	Varied	<b>Deadline</b>	April 4, 2019

### Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Trustees). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

### Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

### Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.