

SAG-AFTRA Foundation Scholarships, Full Application

Informational Sample - All Applications Must Be Submitted Through the Kaleidoscope Platform

Applicant's Personal Information

1. Applicant Full Legal Name
2. Email Address
3. Date of Birth
4. Gender
5. Street Address, City, State, Zip
6. Cell Phone

Academic Information

7. I am applying for college level:
8. How many credits/units do you intend to take next semester?
9. How many total courses do you intend to take next semester?
10. What program are you planning to follow in college?
11. High School GPA
12. College GPA
13. Postgraduate GPA
14. ACT Score
15. SAT Score
16. Attach a PDF copy of your ACT/SAT scores.
17. Attach any relevant transcripts as PDF files.

Additional Information

18. Academic Honors
 - a. List any academic honors you've received.
 - b. Upload any supporting documentation regarding academic honors you've received.
19. Professional Training and Certifications
 - a. List any professional training or certifications you've received.
 - b. Upload any supporting documentation regarding professional training or certifications you've received.
20. Outside Scholarships
 - a. List any outside scholarships you've received (not from the SAG-AFTRA Foundation). Include the scholarship name, amount, and year received.
 - b. Upload any supporting documentation regarding outside scholarships you've received.

Work History

21. Provide the following information for each employer you would like to add:

- a. Company Name
- b. Job Title
- c. Start Date
- d. Still Employed?
- e. End Date (if applicable)

Letters of Recommendation

22. Letter #1

- a. Recommender name
- b. Relationship to applicant
- c. Length of relationship
- d. Submission method

23. Letter #2

- a. Recommender name
- b. Relationship to applicant
- c. Length of relationship
- d. Submission method

Essay Questions

24. Short Essay: Please tell us about your extracurricular activities and community service. Why did you choose them? What have these experiences meant to you? (200 words maximum)

25. Main Essay: Write an essay to help us know you better. Please address each of these topics:

- a. Describe a time in your life that has shaped who you are as a person and how you think it will impact your life moving forward.
- b. Describe the most difficult challenge you've ever faced. What made it so challenging? How did you handle it?
- c. What course of study do you intend to pursue in college? What career(s) might you consider? Please tell us your long-term goals and describe what you want to accomplish. These accomplishments could be personal, educational, or professional.
- d. (500 words minimum; 1,000 words maximum)

College Costs for Next Year

Please provide the costs of attendance for the top three schools that you are considering. Per school:

- 26. School Name
- 27. Tuition
- 28. Books/Incidentals (Estimate)
- 29. Total
- 30. Have you been accepted?
- 31. Is this your first choice school?

How Do You Plan to Pay for College Next Year?

For this section, only include the amounts that you plan on using during this school year, September 2026 - August 2027.

- 32. Parents
- 33. Extended Family
- 34. Part-Time Work
- 35. Personal Savings
- 36. Scholarships from College/University
- 37. Scholarships from Private Sources
- 38. Government (FAFSA) Student Loans
- 39. Private Student Loans
- 40. 529 Education Plan
- 41. Coogan Funds (Child Actor Reserve Funds)
- 42. Other (Specify Source)
- 43. Please upload the FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) generated by your FAFSA application. This must include your Student Aid Index (SAI).
 - a. If you do not have your FAFSA completed, in place of your FAFSA upload, we are allowing you to provide a downloaded PDF of your results from the Federal Student Aid Estimator (<https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>).
- 44. What is your Student Aid Index for the 2025-2026 academic year?

Extenuating Circumstances

45. Are you or your immediate family experiencing any of the following extenuating circumstances that impact your financial situation? Select all that apply:

- a. Job loss or income reduction
- b. Significant debt burden
- c. Divorce or separation of heads of household
- d. Death of a caregiver, sibling, or child
- e. Domestic violence or abuse
- f. Disability
- g. Medical emergencies or chronic health issues, including mental health
- h. Being cared for by a single parent or being a single caregiver yourself
- i. Caregiving responsibilities beyond immediate family
- j. Currently or formerly in foster care
- k. Food insecurity
- l. Incarcerated parent or family member
- m. Unexpected or ongoing legal fees
- n. Eviction, foreclosure, or homelessness
- o. Immigrant or refugee status
- p. Hardship because of natural disaster
- q. Active military or veteran status
- r. Minor financially independent from their parents
- s. Supporting dependents outside of the household
- t. Attending school part time
- u. Being employed full time while attending school
- v. None of these apply to me or my immediate family

46. Tell us why you need financial support for your higher education. Please expand on the extenuating circumstances that you indicated above, or share information not already reflected elsewhere in this application? (200 words maximum)

Submission

47. [Checkbox] I certify that all of the information submitted in this application is true and accurate.

48. Signature Box