

**Dean's Undergraduate Retention Award  
College of Fine Arts  
University of Arizona**

The College of Fine Arts Dean's Undergraduate Retention Award seeks to support and retain students from across traditionally underrepresented communities. This award provides current student artists a **one-time** \$1500 award to aid with college expenses. At the College of Fine Arts, we believe that diversity enhances the quality of education for everyone. We are committed to recognizing and embracing diversity in its many forms including but not limited to: differences of ability, age, color, culture, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, genetic information, national origin, occupation, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, socio-economic and veteran status.

**Scholarship Eligibility:**

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a major at the University of Arizona, College of Fine Arts
- Attend UA in fall 2021 and Spring 2022
- Currently hold a Major GPA of at least 3.00
- Self-identify as belonging to an underrepresented group

**Award Amount:**

The scholarship is a **one-time** \$1,500 award given to 3 recipients for AY2021-2022.

**Application Process:**

Complete the following checklist. All documentation is due May 3, 2021 at 11:59PM. Please email Christie Kerr ([ckerr1@arizona.edu](mailto:ckerr1@arizona.edu))

- Complete the Application Form
- Provide an artistic resume of accomplishments
- Answer the following question in a narrative essay in 500 words or less.

**Essay Prompt:**

The lessons we learn from encountered obstacles can be fundamental to later success. Please explain how this scholarship may help with your financial needs. Discuss current financial or personal hardships that may preclude you from continuing your education at UA. How have these obstacles affected you as an underrepresented student and what did you learn from the experience?