

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

General Information

Los Angeles College of Music (LACM) is pleased to offer merit-based scholarships to its incoming students. Domestic and international students are equally eligible, and student financial status is not a factor. Scholarship awards are divided over a student's program, and awards are applied directly and equally to each quarter's tuition. For example, if an award is \$6,000 and the student is in an associate degree program, the tuition credit per quarter is \$1,000.

In order to maintain a scholarship award from one quarter to the next, scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum GPA (grade point average) of 3.2 in core (non-elective) classes. Students who fall below a 3.2 GPA will be placed on scholarship probation and are permitted one quarter's time to raise their GPA.

Scholarship awards are valid for only one start date and cannot be deferred. Scholarship recipients who defer their attendance to a future start date must submit a scholarship application for their new start date.

To Apply

You may apply for a scholarship only after you have submitted a complete application for admission.

To apply, go to www.lacm.edu —> ADMISSIONS —> SCHOLARSHIPS. Follow the instructions. Your complete scholarship application must include:

- 1. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT(S):** Your academic transcripts sent with your admissions application will be used for consideration for a scholarship; therefore, you do not need to re-submit your official high school or college transcripts.
- 2. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Your letter of recommendation from your admissions application will be used for consideration for a scholarship; therefore, you do not need to re-submit a letter of recommendation.
- 3. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY:**
Please address all of the following points:
 - Describe your musical studies to date and tell us how they have affected your development as a musician
 - What are your musical goals for the next 1-2 years? Over your lifetime?
 - What musician or artist has been the most influential in your musical development? Why?
 - Describe your musical weaknesses in detail

4. SCHOLARSHIP DEMO REQUIREMENTS:

Guitar, Bass and Drum Performance

- Perform or record **3** songs, each from the following genres: Rock, Fusion, Jazz, R&B, Blues, Latin, Country or Classical
- Must be a video file, audio tracks will NOT be considered

Vocal Performance

- Perform **3** songs: “Here There and Everywhere” (The Beatles), “Body and Soul” (American Standard) and one song of your choice (cover or original)
- Vocalists MUST sing with accompaniment
- Must be a video file, audio tracks will NOT be considered

Brass & Woodwinds Performance

- Record a **video** response, addressing the following questions:
 - Where do you see yourself in 10 years and how are you going to get there? (continue)
 - What will be your greatest challenge in accomplishing your goals?
- Edit together and submit a video of clips of your live performances, in 2 minutes or less, which showcases your highest skill level

Songwriting

- Video showing performance of 2 original songs and basic accompanying instrumental/vocal proficiency. These can be co-writes, but please explain your contribution to each song (i.e. lyrics, melody, hook, etc.)
- Audio of 1 original song concept that is entirely yours – no co-writes and this must be at least 45 seconds in length, with original lyric and melodic concepts presented

Music Producing & Recording

- Submit a finished, produced track from the basic tracks provided below.
- First, download the basic tracks below:
 - Vocal Stem: http://s3.amazonaws.com/lama/documents/PC_vocal.wav
 - Guitar Stem: http://s3.amazonaws.com/lama/documents/PC_guitar.wav
- Next, create a finished project in ANY way that showcases your ability by adding tracks or beats, editing and mixing

Composing for Visual Media

- Download the visual clip: http://s3.amazonaws.com/lama/documents/mad_money_reel.mov
- Submit a complete score to the visual clip provided at the link above. This scene should be played as a heist with a little humorous aspect to it

Music Business

- Submit a 2-5 minute video speech outlining how you would approach promoting a new independent artist from unknown status to signed and/or widely recognized by the public (in that artist's genre and primary demographic audience). Include examples of social media and marketing tools you might use, touring and performance strategies you might employ, along with primary members of the artist's "team" who would be essential to the success of the artist. Feel free to use visual aids in your video

Frequently Asked Questions

For reference ONLY, please do not submit.

When should I submit my scholarship application?

For deadlines, please see our [Admissions & Aid Deadline](#) page.

Can I send my scholarship application first and then send my application for admissions?

No. We must have your application for admissions before we can accept your scholarship application. You may send your application for admissions first, or send both applications together as long as space is still available in your desired program.

Can I send the parts of my scholarship application separately?

Yes, but please be aware that we must receive all components of your scholarship application before the deadline. It is your responsibility to ensure your application is complete. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered.

For my Music Producing Demo, what should I do with the files? Can I edit/add beats or tracks/slow them down /change the key etc.?

You can do whatever you want. The tempo is 70 BPM. We are looking for individual creative expression.

Is the scholarship open to both international and domestic applicants?

Yes. International and domestic applicants are equally eligible.

Is there a scholarship application fee?

No. The only application fee you need to pay is the \$50 **admissions** application fee.

How long does the essay need to be?

The essay needs to be approximately 250 words.

Can my music instructor send the letter of recommendation by e-mail?

Letters of recommendation will either be accepted by the link from the online application or officially signed and sealed by postal mail.

When can I find out about the results?

Please refer to the [Admissions & Aid Deadlines](#) page.

How is the award applied toward my tuition?

The total award amount is for the length of your program and is distributed among each quarter evenly. For example, if an award is \$6,000, the tuition credit per quarter is \$1,000 if you are in a 6 quarter program. If a student does not complete their program, the remaining scholarship monies of the award will be forfeited.

I was awarded a scholarship but chose to defer my enrollment. Can I apply my scholarship to a future start date?

No. Scholarship awards are valid for only one start date and cannot be deferred to a later date. You will need to reapply for scholarships if you defer to a later starting term.

Can a student lose his or her scholarship?

Yes. To retain a scholarship, a student must maintain full-time status and a minimum GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.2. Students who fall below a 3.2 GPA will be placed on scholarship probation and are permitted one quarter's time to raise their GPA. LACM also reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship at any time as it sees fit.

What if my country doesn't give out itemized grades in high school?

Grades are required. You may need to submit an official evaluation along with your transcripts.