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 they are in an Associate’s Degree Program, the tuition credit per quarter is $1,000.

In order to maintain their 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 the 3.2 GPA threshold will be placed on scholarship probation and are permitted one quarter’s time to raise their CGPA.

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 Admissions.

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

1. **OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT**: 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 no need to re-submit a letter of recommendation.

3. **SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**: Approximately 250 words.
   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**:
   - **Guitar, Bass and Drums**
     - 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.
   - **Vocals**
     - Perform 3 songs: “Here There and Everywhere” (The Beatles), “Body and Soul” (American Standard) and one more song of your choice (a cover or an original).
     - Vocalists MUST sing with accompaniment.
     - Must be a video file, audio tracks will NOT be considered.
   - **Songwriter**
     - 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 in length, with original lyric and melodic concepts presented.
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Music Producer
• Submit a finished, produced track from the basic tracks provided on the website.
• Download the basic tracks below:
  o Vocal Stem: http://s3.amazonaws.com/lama/documents/PC_vocal.wav
  o Guitar Stem: http://s3.amazonaws.com/lama/documents/PC_guitar.wav
• 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 on the website. This scene should be played as a heist with a little humorous aspect to it.

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 that your application is complete. Incomplete scholarship applications will not be considered.

For my Music Producer 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 considered equally.

Is there a scholarship application fee?
No. The only application fee you need to pay is the $100 application for admissions fee.

How long does the essay need to be?
Approximately 250 words or 2 pages (typed).
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 applied to 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, then the remaining grant 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?
Sorry, no. Scholarship awards are valid for only one start date and cannot be deferred to a later date.

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 the 3.2 GPA threshold will be placed on scholarship probation and are permitted one quarter’s time to raise their GPA. The Academy 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 during my high school?
Grades are required in order to be factored in with the rest of the requirements. Missing grades will affect the final score.