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Scholarship Requirements for Pizarts Programs

How to Apply for a Scholarship

Follow these steps to apply for a need-based scholarship with Pizarts:

Step 1: Initial Application & Consultation

- 1. Speak with a Gap Year Admissions Officer
 - Schedule an initial conversation to discuss your goals and determine if the program is the right fit.
- 2. Complete the Online Application Form
 - After your consultation, fill out the application form at <u>www.dancegapyear.com/application</u>.

Step 2: Submit Required Documents

Once accepted into the program, submit the following documents to **dancegapyear@gmail.com** with the subject line "[Your Name] - Scholarship Documents":

1. Personal Statement

- A one-page statement describing your art and how the scholarship will support your journey.
- 2. Portfolio
 - **For Dancers**: Submit a 1-3 minute video reel showcasing technique, choreography, or performance.
 - For Visual Artists: Submit 5-8 images of recent artwork (any form is applicable).

3. Recommendation Letters

- Include 1-2 professional letters of recommendation from teachers or mentors who can speak to your dedication and talent.
- 4. **Financial Documentation** (if applying for a need-based scholarship)
 - Please provide one of the following options to verify financial need:

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Financial Documentation for Need-Based Scholarships

Required Documentation (Choose One):

- 1. Most Recent Tax Return (Preferred)
 - Submit the first page of the most recent **IRS Form 1040** for your household, showing adjusted gross income (AGI).
 - If you are a dependent, submit your parent or guardian's tax return.
 - You may redact sensitive information (e.g., Social Security numbers).
- 2. Alternative Income Documentation
 - **W-2 Forms**: Provide W-2 forms for each contributing household member.
 - Pay Stubs: Submit pay stubs from the last 2-3 months for each income earner.
 - **Unemployment Benefits**: Include a statement of benefits if any household member receives them.
- 3. Additional Documentation (If Needed)
 - **Public Assistance Proof**: Include documentation for SNAP benefits, Medicaid, or housing assistance.
 - Financial Aid Award Letter: If currently in school, submit your recent financial aid award letter.

How to Submit

Email financial documents to **dancegapyear@gmail.com** with the subject line "Financial Documentation - [Your Name]." Ensure files are in PDF format and redact non-essential sensitive information.

For questions or alternative arrangements, please contact us at <u>www.info@pizarts.com</u>. Thank you for applying, and we look forward to supporting your artistic journey!