



2026 Kelli & Austin Sincock Scholarship for the Arts Application

General Information

The Award

The Kelli & Austin Sincock Scholarship for the Arts is offered through the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Charitable Foundation. We are happy to announce that we will be offering five (5) individual scholarships of \$1,000 each. Each scholarship will be awarded to graduating students from Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake, Oak Park, Agoura or Century Academy High Schools who intend to pursue a field of study starting in Fall, 2026 in the Arts, including: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Dance & Choreography, Music Production, TV & Theater Production, and Culinary Arts in the Fall of 2026.

Use of Scholarship

The scholarships are to be used for the recipient's tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses to further their academic or career education in the Arts. Scholarship must be cashed or deposited within six months of award.

Application

Application form is included within this packet and is available at the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Website at www.tokiwanis.org. A completed application and supporting documents must be received via email or ground mail no later than 5 PM on Wednesday, April 1st, 2026.

1. This scholarship is open to:
 - a. Students who wish to attend a trade, technical, or specialized school in the Arts.
 - b. Students who wish to pursue an Associate Degree in the Arts.
 - c. Students who wish to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree in the Arts.
2. The student must have demonstrated a commitment in their personal essay to pursuing a career in the Arts.

Eligibility

Graduating high school students having a minimum weighted 3.0 GPA.

Selection

The final decision of awards will be made by the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Charitable Foundation Kelli & Austin Sincock Scholarship for the Arts Committee. Selection will be made primarily on the basis of commitment to the Arts, answers to application questions, personal essay and letter(s) of recommendation. Financial need will also be considered, if appropriate.



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Presentation of Award

Recipients will be notified by email. They will be honored and presented their award (by check made out to the student) at a regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks in May, 2026. Recipients will also be recognized at their school's awards night.

For questions about this application or its status, please contact the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks Charitable Foundation scholarship committee :

scholarship@tokiwanis.org (*Please include S-ARTS Scholarship in the subject line.)

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO:

Email or mail Application Packet with Recommendation Letter(s) and other required documentation to: **scholarship@tokiwanis.org**

OR: if mailed, it must be received by Wednesday April 1, 2026 at the following address:

Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks
Attn: "S-ARTS"
Kelli & Austin Sincock Scholarship for the Arts Committee
P.O. Box 1791
Thousand Oaks, CA 91358



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APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

Name of High School _____

Further training or education plans for next school year:

By signing this document, you confirm the accuracy of your completed form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this award.

Signature

Date



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Submit With Application

- Personal Essay
 - What field in the Arts do you intend to pursue?
 - Please list any arts related awards you've received, and/or arts events you have taken part in.
 - What motivates you to pursue your study in the Arts, including people who influenced you and what your goals are in higher education?
 - How do you plan to accomplish your goals?
 - Describe your family's financial need, if appropriate.
 - Statement of intent to attend a community college or university, if admitted and known by April 1st.
 - Anything else you'd like to share about yourself.
- Letter(s) of recommendation from a faculty member, counselor, or staff at your school who's aware of your interest in the Arts.
- Online links to pictures/videos of your work can be included in your personal essay. Pictures/videos can also be included as an attachment or link in your emailed submission. Please be sure the total size of the email is less than 25mb.
- Transcripts showing minimum weighted 3.0 GPA. Copy of official transcript is preferred.



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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
KELLI & AUSTIN SINCOCK SCHOLARSHIP for the Arts**

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, _____, is applying for the Sincock Family Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. It will be awarded to a graduating student who intends to pursue higher education in the Arts. The award is based on a demonstrated passion for a particular form of artistic expression (i.e., performance, visual or studio art, culinary art), GPA, a faculty member's recommendation and a personal essay.

What can you share with us about this student's desire, performance, and personality traits? What special artistic projects or activities have they participated in? How long have you known this student and in what capacity? Financial need will also be considered. Please advise if appropriate for this student.

Please use student name AND "Scholarship S-ARTS" in subject line of your email and send your letter to: scholarship@tokiwanis.org; OR place your letter in a **sealed** envelope before giving to student applicant. Include your name and position. Send the email or return the sealed envelope to the applicant before April 1, 2026 to complete the application process. If mailed, please send it to: **Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks, Kelli & Austin Sincock Scholarship for the Arts Committee, P.O. Box 1791, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358**

Thank you for your time and your assistance in this process.

Kelli & Austin Sincock Scholarship for the Arts Committee