**East Tennessee State University**

**Bert C. Bach Fine and Performing Arts Scholars Program**

**Scholarship Application Form Instructions**

**(Deadline Entry: March 1st, 2025 for Fall 2025)**

Thank you for your interest in the Bert C. Bach Fine & Performing Arts Scholars Program in the Mary B Martin School of the Arts at East Tennessee State University! We’re excited that you’re applying and look forward to accepting your application!

The Fine & Performing Arts Scholars program only accepts application digitally. Please read the information below carefully and, if you have any questions, contact Scott Contreras-Koterbay, Director of the program, by email (arts.scholars@etsu.edu) or phone (423-439-5692).

**Fine & Performing Arts Scholars Application Instructions**

1. Review the Scholarship Application Form (page 2) and information regarding the Scholarship Application Material (page 3) thoroughly.
2. Prepare your Scholarship Application Material for submission via an ETSU Dropbox.
3. Email the completed the Scholarship Application Form as a PDF to [arts.scholars@etsu.edu](mailto:arts.scholars@etsu.edu).
4. After the form is received and processed, you will receive an email from arts.scholars@etsu.edu providing a link to upload your Scholarship Application Material to an ETSU Dropbox folder. Upload your Arts Portfolio, Narrative Statement, latest available high school transcript and Contact Information for Letters of Reference to that folder. Please note that we will contact your references.
5. If you would like, you may email [arts.scholars@etsu.edu](mailto:arts.scholars@etsu.edu) for confirmation that everything was received.

Please note that the application deadline is March 1st, 2025. All of your application material must be received and uploaded by the end of that day.

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Please save this form to your computer, insert information into each fieldon the formthen save your copy as a PDF. If any information requested below changes after you submit your application, please notifyus of those changes by email at [arts.scholars@etsu.edu](mailto:arts.scholars@etsu.edu).

You must also apply for general admission to ETSU and be accepted in order before your application will be processed. For ETSU General Admission information, please visit <http://admissions.etsu.edu/>.

# **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

# **Name**:

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**ETSU E#**:       **Telephone**:       **Email**: (Personal)

(ETSU)

# **Address**:

Street City State Zip code

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

# **High School Attended**:

Name Telephone Arts Teacher Arts Teacher’s Email

**High School Address**:                   

Street City State Zip code

**High School Grade Point Average** (4.0 scale):

You **must include** a copy of your high school transcript in your application packet for verification purposes.

ACT Score:       or SAT Score:

**Have you been accepted for admission to ETSU**? YES  NO   

**Intended Academic Major:** **Minor:** **Arts Area:**

**Career Objective** (this may be more fully discussed in your Narrative):

**How did you learn about the Fine & Performing Arts Scholars Program?**:

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The following documents and files must be uploaded to the ETSU Dropbox folder linked in the email you will receive from [arts.scholars@etsu.edu](mailto:arts.scholars@etsu.edu). Additional guidelines will be provided when the Dropbox is created. If you’re encountering any difficulties, please contact us for assistance.

**EVIDENCE OF ARTISTRY**

Provide a portfolio or evidence of your artistic abilities, according to the guidelines on our website (<https://www.etsu.edu/cas/martin/fine-and-performing-arts-scholars-program/programs.php>). If you are submitting more than one arts area for consideration (creative writing and music performance, for example) please upload these in two separate folders. It is recommended that you have a Word document providing more information about each submission (medium, date, description, etc.). Additionally, if you are submitting links to files (YouTube, for example), please submit these in a Word document and ensure that the links work.

## NARRATIVE STATEMENT

## The mission of the Bert C Bach Fine and Performing Arts Scholars program is to support the development of future artists, in all of the arts. With our help, as an artist in the performing and visual arts, you will go beyond classroom excellence through your artistic creativity and involvement in the arts community in an impactful manner.

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## Write an essay in which you (a) describe the experiences that have helped shape who you are today as an artist, (b) talk about at least one experience that you hope to have as an ETSU arts student, and (c) describe your passion for the arts.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You must submit contact information for **TWO** references who can provide letters of recommendation with your application in a separate Word document that are familiar with your artistry. Please provide their name, email, work phone number, and relationship to you (art teacher, drama teacher, orchestra director, etc.). The Bert C Bach Fine and Performing Arts program will contact your references directly to receive your letters of recommendation, so please make sure the contact information is correct.

If you have any questions about completing the application, you may contact us by calling 423-439-5692 or emailing Scott Contreras-Koterbay ([arts.scholars@etsu.edu](mailto:arts.scholars@etsu.edu)). It is the applicant’s responsibility to check with the Bert C Bach Fine and Performing Arts Scholars program to verify that all required materials have been received.

Please note that admission to specific degree programs at ETSU may require separate audition or portfolios reviews; application to the Bert C. Bach Fine & Performing Arts Scholars program does not constitute application for admittance or designation into a specific major or minor, and you should refer to the relevant department or program for more information.