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# Creative Arts Scholarship Opportunities

The scholarships listed below are specifically for students studying creative arts disciplines — music, dance, journalism, visual arts and theater — at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). Students may also be eligible for other scholarships based on their background (e.g., veterans, first-generation students, graduates of certain high schools). Both the FAFSA and the Tri-C General Scholarship application must be completed to be considered for a scholarship award.

[Complete the application here.](#)

## Creative Arts Scholarship

Established to support students in Tri-C music programs; visual communication and design programs (i.e., graphic design, advertising design, media arts, interactive media, illustration, digital video, photography); theater performance (i.e., art, dance, music) and technical theatre programs; and recording arts and technology programs.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Pursuing a degree in a Creative Arts discipline.

## Media and Journalism Studies Scholarship

Established to support students in journalism, mass communications and other media studies programs.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.8 GPA.
- Enrolled in media and journalism studies courses.

## Music Programs Scholarship

Established to support Tri-C students in the study of music.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Enrolled in music courses, sessions and/or programs.



american greetings

## American Greetings Endowed Scholarship

Established by American Greetings and the Weiss family to support Tri-C students enrolled in animation, digital imaging, multimedia and other creative arts programs.

*American Greetings has a proud history of more than 100 years in the Northeast Ohio community. Recognized for its creativity and innovation, American Greetings is the leader in its industry and sells more cards in more places than any other greeting card supplier. As a corporate citizen, the company is committed to supporting causes and organizations that serve the community, its families and citizens and is especially dedicated to promoting education and the arts.*

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Pursuing a degree or certificate in Visual Communication and Design.

## Fran and Jules Belkin Endowed Fund for Creative Arts

Established in recognition of Fran and Jules Belkin's long-term commitment to Tri-C JazzFest and creative arts programs at the College, as well as their impact on the Northeast Ohio's music and art communities. This fund helps Tri-C provide access to hands-on educational experiences and learning opportunities that will prepare students for careers in the creative arts.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Pursuing a degree or certificate in music, visual communication and design (i.e., graphic design, advertising design, media arts, interactive media, illustration, digital video, filmmaking, photography), theater performance (i.e., art, dance, music), technical theatre and/or recording arts and technology.



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## Rena J. Blumberg Olshansky Endowed Scholarship

Established to recognize Rena J. Blumberg Olshansky for her numerous contributions to Cuyahoga Community College, the Tri-C Foundation and the Greater Cleveland community. Olshansky is an award-winning broadcaster, author, lecturer and civic activist who is also a director emeritus of the Tri-C Foundation.

### Criteria

- Enrolled in media and journalism studies or media arts and filmmaking courses.

## Dr. Reginald Buckner Scholarship

Established in honor of Reginald Buckner, Ph.D.; Dowd Transportation; and Oscar Peterson.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Demonstrated interest in studying jazz or jazz-related music.
- Demonstrated musical ability and achievement.



## Gerald H. Gordon Endowed Scholarship

Established in memory of Gerald H. Gordon, a Tri-C alumnus and instructor and former president and general manager of Sun Newspapers.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Enrolled in a Media and Journalism Studies credit program.

## Joseph T. Gorman/TRW Jazz Studies Endowed Scholarship

Established in honor of Joseph T. Gorman, former chairman and CEO of TRW Inc., and his significant contributions to Tri-C JazzFest and the College's Jazz Studies program.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Demonstrate interest in studying jazz or jazz-related music.

## Richard A. Johnson Scholarship

Established to recognize Richard A. Johnson for his numerous contributions to Cuyahoga Community College, the Tri-C Foundation and the Greater Cleveland community. Johnson was the publisher and chairman of *Kaleidoscope* magazine, which focused on celebrating the achievement of African Americans in the Greater Cleveland area and demonstrated a strong appreciation for quality journalism and excellence in news coverage.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- African American student.
- Enrolled in at least one media and journalism studies course.



## KeyBank Creative Arts Endowed Scholarship

Established in recognition of KeyBank/The KeyBank Foundation's commitment to creative arts programming at Tri-C. This fund helps the College develop, enhance and sustain initiatives in the creative arts, ensuring that our region continues to receive local and national recognition for exemplary academic and outreach programming. KeyBank's support ensures access to hands-on educational experiences and lifelong learning opportunities for students and residents from diverse communities. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years, as long as recipient continues to meet the criteria below.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Pursuing a degree or certificate in music, visual communication and design (i.e., graphic design, advertising design, media arts, interactive media, illustration, digital video, filmmaking, photography), theater performance (i.e., art, dance, music), technical theatre and/or recording arts and technology.



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## Gill and Tommy LiPuma Endowed Scholarship

Veterans of the recording industry, Gill and Tommy LiPuma were instrumental in envisioning the development of Tri-C's Center for Creative Arts, which bears their name. Their generosity is reflected in the recording studios, digital music laboratories, dance studios and other amenities that fill the building. Their commitment to honing students' artistic training allows emerging artists to realize their potential. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years, as long as recipient continues to meet the criteria below. Recipients are recognized as LiPuma Scholars.

### Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Pursuing an Associate of Applied Business in Recording Arts and Technology or an Associate of Arts in Music.
- Enrolled full time (minimum 12 credits/semester).
- Award based on merit. Applicants not required to demonstrate financial need.
- Recipient(s) chosen by Creative Arts Center of Excellence dean and faculty.

## Steve Popovich Scholarship

Steve Popovich, the late founder of Cleveland International Records, played a huge role in the careers of artists ranging from Meat Loaf to Michael Jackson. The Steve Popovich Foundation created this scholarship to encourage young people to find their way in the music and recording arts industry.

Popovich has been described as having "coal dust in his veins and kielbasa in his soul" for his blue collar integrity in discovering and promoting artists from polka legend Frank Yankovic to Bruce Springsteen, Johnny Cash and Barbra Streisand. He started his career at CBS Records as the youngest-ever head of promotion at age 26. His storied career at multiple recording companies has impacted an enormous array of artists from almost every genre of music, resulting in virtually every conceivable award in the business. Over the course of his career, Popovich encouraged aspiring singer/songwriters, musicians and producers to follow their dreams. His driving motto was "Be stubbornly passionate about your beliefs." This scholarship continues his legacy by helping Tri-C students make the music of tomorrow. Recipients recommended by Popovich family and confirmed by Financial Aid.

### Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Northeast Ohio resident.
- Pursuing a degree in music or recording arts and technology.
- Submit essay (750 words or less) describing musical background and music education goals and explaining how this scholarship would help achieve those goals.

## WEWS/Scripps Howard Endowed Scholarship

Established through generous support from the Scripps Howard Foundation to provide financial support for tuition and related educational expenses for Tri-C students enrolled in media and journalism studies and communications courses.

### Criteria

- Enrolled in media and journalism studies and/or communications courses, including Media Arts and Filmmaking and Visual Communication & Design.

