

Purdue Fort Wayne College of Visual and Performing Arts
full-ride merit-based scholarship program

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AUER SCHOLARS

Auer Scholars are bold and creative students comprised of tomorrow's designers, actors, artists, musicians, art educators, music therapists, directors, music educators, and leaders in the music industry. Exceptional Purdue University Fort Wayne incoming freshmen applicants are welcome to compete for the prestigious Auer Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Scholars Program.

The Auer VPA Scholars Program is a competitive and merit-based full-ride scholarship opportunity open to all art and design, music, and theatre majors. These scholarships, available to current high school seniors, offer full tuition, housing, textbooks, and fees paid up to four years.



COMPETITION FAQ

Can I compete?

Yes! If you're graduating high school in 2020, meet the academic requirements, and have a completed admission application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 9, 2019, you are encouraged to compete.

How do I apply?

Once you apply to Purdue Fort Wayne and have reviewed the eligibility requirements, you will apply online. Please have two letters of recommendation and essay ready to download with the application.

When and where is the competition?

Eligible and approved applicants will be invited to compete on Saturday, February 23, 2020, in the Rhinehart Music Center (pfw.edu/maps).

What will I be doing at the competition?

You'll take part in an interview. You'll take part in an audition or a portfolio presentation. You'll also meet faculty, staff, and tour campus.

Should my parents/guardians come with me?

They are encouraged to attend, but not required. We plan a special program for parents or guardians who are here during the competition.

What should I wear?

Business casual or business formal is recommended.

How will I be notified?

Once the competition results are finalized, incoming freshmen will be selected and offered scholarships. If you are offered a scholarship, you'll need to reply to Dean John O'Connell by the deadline listed with your offer.

ESSAY

When you apply, please upload an essay of 500-550 words that responds to the following questions:

What influences and motivates you to be in the arts? How has this been realized in your creative work, and how do you see it continuing in your future?

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- » Reside in one of the following Indiana counties: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, or Whitley
- » Current high school senior set to complete Core 40 Diploma requirements or other college-prep curriculum
- » Submission of a completed admission application to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 9, 2019
- » Submit your Auer VPA Scholars Program application, essay, and two letters of recommendation by January 17, 2020
- » Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov, school code 001828)
- » Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and 1380 SAT or 29 ACT; or 1470 SAT or 32 ACT with no consideration of GPA
- » Participate in the Auer VPA Scholars Program Competition February 23, 2020

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

- » Be enrolled full-time during the fall and spring semesters (summer enrollment is optional)
- » Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
- » Meet program expectations
- » Reside in on-campus housing

NEXT STEPS

Apply to Purdue Fort Wayne by December 9, 2019 (application must be complete).

Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.ed.gov, school code 001828) as a part of your qualification to compete.

Complete the Auer VPA Scholarship online application, which includes letters of reference and an essay, by January 17, 2020. The application is a key component in the selection process.



Questions?

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SCAN TO APPLY

[pfw.edu/departments/cvpa/
resources/scholarships.html](http://pfw.edu/departments/cvpa/resources/scholarships.html)