

ABOUT THE FAMAS PROGRAM

The Fine Arts Merit Award Scholarship program was established in 2003 to reward graduates of Kern County High Schools who have exceptional achievements in the arts. Each FAMAS (pronounced "famous") student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship every year, amounting to \$4,000 over four years. FAMAS covers all areas of the arts offered at CSUB: painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, ceramics, vocal and instrumental performance, music education, music composition, playwriting, acting, stage management, and theatrical design.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

ART

Prof. Jesse Sugarmann
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Painting, Sculpture,
Photography,
Printmaking, Ceramics

MUSIC

Dr. Joel Haney
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Vocal & Instrumental
Performance, Music
Education, Music
Composition

THEATRE

Prof. Mandy Rees
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Playwriting, Acting,
Stage Management,
Theatrical Design

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

If you are an outstanding student in the arts and would like to be recognized for your achievements, you should apply for a FAMAS award. Selection of FAMAS recipients is based entirely on achievement in the arts.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be considered for the FAMAS program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a graduate of a Kern County High School.
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.0 and meet CSU eligibility criteria for admission.
- Apply for admission to CSUB as a first-time freshman for Fall 2023 with a major in Art, Music, or Theatre.
- Audition or present a portfolio of work.
- Ongoing enrollment in the major and a 2.5 GPA at CSUB.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications for Fall 2023 will be accepted from January 1 through April 15. Go to the CSUB Scholarships Website (<https://csub.scholarshipuniverse.com>) and search for FAMAS using the search tool. The completed application includes:

- A resumé of your accomplishments in the arts.
- A personal statement (200-400 words) addressing your experiences in the arts and your goals for your college education.
- One letter of recommendation from an arts teacher.

If you meet the minimum requirements, your application will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of university faculty. Eligible applicants will be invited for an interview/audition/portfolio review. Recipients will be announced in May 2023.