



## 2026/2027 SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Pittsburgh CLO believes that children should have the opportunity to follow their dreams. The Pittsburgh CLO Academy presents unique programs dedicated to developing the talents of young performers and turning those dreams into reality. The CLO is proud to offer merit-based scholarships for the 2026/2027 Academy Year. All scholarship applicants must audition and complete the application process.

Contact the Pittsburgh CLO Academy at 412-281-2234 to sign up for an audition.

### Scholarships

**Audition Dates: Monday, August 10th from 12:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. Grades 3-9**  
**Monday, August 11th from 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Grades 10-12**

- Eligibility - Students ages 8-18
- Individual merit-based scholarships:
  - 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% tuition discounts
- Three Named Full-Tuition Scholarships
  - William A. Maffie- *performing arts advocate* for a high school senior that is versatile, disciplined, and talented, who is committed to the arts and plans to pursue a career in the performing arts.
  - Charles Gray- *CLO Academy founder and arts education enthusiast* for a high school senior that exudes potential and represents versatility, discipline, and talent.
  - Shirley Jones- *Native Pittsburgh performer* for a middle school performer that shows a spark of creativity that needs nurtured. Additional materials may be requested for this award.

### Scholarship Requirements:

- Scholarship cannot be combined with any other Academy Scholarships or Financial Aid.
- Pre-professional class and private lesson discounts do not apply to students on scholarship or financial aid.
- Scholarship is awarded for **full-year (fall and spring semester) only**.
  - Scholarships are not available for one semester.
  - Please review class selections carefully as changes, additions, and/or dropped classes after the start of the first or second semester may result in charges not eligible for scholarship award.
  - Refunds and tuition credits are not available if you decide to drop after the start of the first semester.
- Scholarship cannot be applied to private lessons, productions, or participation fees.
- More than 4 absences without notice per semester may result in losing one's scholarship.

**For more information, please contact: Patty Maloney, Principal at 412-281-2234 x104 or [pmaloney@pittsburghclo.org](mailto:pmaloney@pittsburghclo.org)**

# 2026/2027 CLO ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

## Eligibility & Requirements

- Any interested CLO Academy student who excels in any or all of the following areas is eligible to audition: acting, singing and dance.
  - Scholarships must be accepted for the full 2026-2027 school year.
  - Scholarship cannot be applied to private lessons, productions, or participation fees.
  - More than 4 absences without notice per semester may result in losing one's scholarship.
- Scholarships are determined through an audition process and essay submission.
  - Award amount is based upon the panel evaluation of artistic merit and written essay.

## Application Process

- ❑ Fill out the online application by **Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
  - This can be done by clicking here: [2026/2027 Scholarship Application](#)
- ❑ Complete class selection in parent portal for classes you would like to take should you receive a scholarship.
  - <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=512391>
  - Only the \$25 registration fee will be processed at time of registration. Class fees will be processed after scholarships have been awarded and schedules have been finalized.
  - Although private lessons are not included in your scholarship amount, please register for any private lessons you intend to take. Contact Patty to set up your day and time.
- ❑ Call 412-281-2234 to schedule an audition. Audition scheduling will begin on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am.
  - Scholarship students are required to present a one – two-minute audition presentation (*see below for details*).
- ❑ Write an essay prior to audition.
  - All students ages 11+ must submit a one-page essay entitled: “How Musical Theater Impacts Your Life.”
- ❑ **Submit essay, headshot (or school photo), and resume with you to the audition:**
  - **Students in grades 10-12 must bring a physical copy with them to their audition**
  - **Students in grades 3-9 need only submit online with their application**

*\*Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

## Audition Information and Guidelines

- Students will audition before a combined panel of adjudicators including, but not limited to CLO Academy faculty and staff.
- Students must perform a 1-2 minute presentation highlighting their performance skills.
  - The audition material may consist of one or two of the following: 16-32 measures of an age-appropriate, musical theater song, short Monologue and/or Dance. **Student must bring sheet music for accompanist in a binder.**
- Final scoring will be based upon student audition results.
- Upon the decision of the panel, the Pittsburgh CLO will notify the student of the outcome.

### **Audition Dates:**

**Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> – Grades 3 – 9**

**Monday August 11<sup>th</sup> – Grades 10 – 12**

**Don't forget to call (412) 281-2234 for an appointment!**

**Application Deadline July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**