

## The Harlan Jackson Diversity Scholarship Application

The Harlan Jackson Diversity Scholarship is one of many initiatives aimed to meet our institutional commitment to diversity and inclusion. In line with our institutional mission, this scholarship is particularly intended to support campus-wide diversity in regards to gender expression and identity, age, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, physical ability, learning style, religion, occupation, nationality, immigration status, socio-economic status, and the many forms of composite subjectivity and life experience that span these differences. This merit-based scholarship is reviewed by a committee composed of faculty and staff.

### SFAI Diversity Statement

A rigorous artistic and intellectual community is enriched by diversity and inclusion. We promote artistic and intellectual freedom by fostering environments that value our diverse students, faculty, and staff and provide all community members with a respectful and challenging space in which to address divergent opinions and ideas.

By "diversity", we mean that our community prospectively embraces differences in gender expression and identity, age, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, physical ability, learning style, religion, occupation, nationality, immigration status, socio-economic status, and the many forms of composite subjectivity and life experience that span these differences. Promoting such a broadly inclusive understanding of diversity requires ongoing education and effort, to ensure support, understanding, and awareness from all community members. In this, SFAI strives to move beyond the reactive methodologies of affirmative action, even as we proactively practice equal opportunity in hiring and admissions.

SFAI seeks to be a vanguard institution with regard to how we address and integrate notions of diversity. The Institute continues to develop connections and mutually beneficial relationships between the school's immediate community and local and global publics in the belief that a multiplicity of voices has helped to make SFAI the influential and inspiring institution that it is today.

# Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SFAI ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Level:

- Undergraduate
- Post-Baccalaureate
- Graduate

## Parents' Education Level

Parent 1	Parent 2
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## Essay

Choose 2 prompts from below and respond with an 800-word response essay for each question. (You should submit 2 800-word essays.) Please type your answers to these questions and include them as a separate document, with your name on each page.

Given your unique perspective, background, and set of experiences, how would you contribute to a culture of diversity and equity at SFAI?

How would you define diversity and equity? How would you define an ideal community of diversity and equity? How do you see yourself participating in a community that fits your description?

Briefly describe and reflect on a time when you experienced, witnessed, or feared discrimination. What steps did you take to transform this moment of adversity into one of growth? How has this experience shaped you/your art?

## Personal Statement

Please provide a 500 word personal statement that responds to the prompt below.

What you think the role of an artist is in society? How do you or how does your art fit into that definition?