



Master of Arts in Fine Arts TUITION AND FEES

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| Tuition: | \$425.00 per semester hour* |
| Application Fee (non-refundable): | \$ 50.00 (one time fee) |
| Graduation Fee: | \$225.00 (subject to change; due semester of graduation) |
| Fine Art Fee: | \$100.00 per semester |
| Textbooks and Supplies: | Will vary by course |
| Transcript Fees: | \$5.00 for each transcript requested |

*This cost reflects a graduate tuition award which reduces tuition to \$425 per semester hour.

All tuition and fees are subject to change at any time and may apply to all students, including those currently enrolled.

MA Tuition Award

All MA students are eligible for a tuition award that lowers the cost of the graduate courses from \$735.00 per credit hour to \$425 per credit hour. (Students taking undergraduate courses will pay for those at the normal undergraduate rate.)

Financial Assistance (Direct Stafford Loans)

Students who qualify may obtain a Federal Direct Stafford Loan. The Department of Education will determine if the student qualifies for a subsidized or unsubsidized Loan. The Department of Education pays for the interest on the subsidized loan while enrolled, and the student is responsible for the interest on the unsubsidized loan. Students must be enrolled for at least 6 hours per semester to receive a loan. **E-mail financialaid@cumberland.edu for Cumberland's financial aid packet.**

To obtain a Federal Direct Stafford Loan:

1. **Students must complete and submit the Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online at www.fafsa.gov. Students must list Cumberland University (I.D. number 003485) on the FAFSA as one of the schools to receive application information. After the form is filed, the Department of Education will send a Student Aid Report (SAR) to the applicant. If selected for verification the student must submit all requested documentation to the Student Financial Services office.
2. Students must be **fully accepted** into the Master of Arts in Fine Arts program. **Students may not obtain a loan if under an "incomplete" or "provisional" status.**
3. Students must be enrolled for **at least six hours per semester to obtain a loan.**
4. Students must not be in default on a previous student loan or be in an overpayment situation from financial aid received at previously attended institutions.
5. Students must complete the Master Promissory Note for Federal Stafford Loans, Entrance Counseling AND an Active Loan Request form. Information on how to apply for a Direct Loan may be found on the university website at http://www.cumberland.edu/financial_aid/undergrad/directloans

For assistance, call the Cumberland University Student Financial Services Office at 615-547-1243 or extension 1243 or e-mail us at financialaid@cumberland.edu.



Master of Arts in Fine Arts GRADUATE ADMISSION APPLICATION

- 1. Check one:** **MA in Fine Arts; Music Track**
 MA in Fine Arts; Studio Art Track
 MA in Fine Arts; Theatre and the Dramatic Arts

Application for Admission to the: Fall Spring Summer Semester Year _____

Entrance Requirements* include the following:

- Completion of an appropriate accredited undergraduate degree is required for graduate study in Fine Art.
- Admission to graduate study shall be on critical examination of the academic record; the content of courses taken; and original compositions, papers, a performance audition, portfolio review, and/or professional experience as appropriate.
- Each candidate must write a supportive statement about the candidate's specific goals for the MA program.
- All candidates must schedule a personal interview and meet with the graduate fine arts committee.
- Submission of all transcripts of all previously completed college or university work.

***For a complete list of Entrance Requirements please consult the University Catalog.**

Music Track

- Entrance auditions and examinations appropriate to the goals and objectives of the graduate program as a whole and each specific track. The following shall be required as applicable to student area of interest for degree program:
 - Music Theory – Entrance Examination
 - Music History – Entrance Examination
 - Composition or Arranging – Portfolio required
 - Music Technology – Basic computer proficiency
 - Conducting – DVD/Video
 - Performance – Personal audition (DVD by permission)

Studio Art Track

- The applicant for the MA in Fine Arts must submit a CD/DVD, slides or portfolio of 20 works of visual arts.

Theatre and the Dramatic Arts Track

- Admission to graduate study shall be based on critical examination of the academic record; the content of courses taken; and original plays, papers, a performance audition; design portfolio; or professional experience.

Please consult with the School of Music and Arts for specifics regarding the entrance requirements.



APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please print neatly and legibly.)

Name: _____ SS#: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle or Maiden)
Name on transcripts (if different from above): _____
Address: _____ E-mail: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____ Home Telephone: _____
U.S. Citizen: Yes No Visa Type: _____ County of Residence _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
(City/County/State and Country, if other than U.S.)

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| OPTIONAL DATA (for statistical use only) | | | | | |
| Sex: | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Marital Status: | <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> Married |
| Ethnic Origin: | <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | | | |

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name: _____ Start Date: _____
Current Position: _____ Current Supervisor: _____
Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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| EDUCATIONAL HISTORY (Include ALL institutions attended) | | | | | |
| Institution: _____ | Institution: _____ | | | | |
| Location: _____ | Dates: _____ | Location: _____ | Dates: _____ | | |
| Major: _____ | GPA: _____ | Major: _____ | GPA: _____ | | |
| Degree: _____ | Date Received: _____ | Degree: _____ | Date Received: _____ | | |
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| Institution: _____ | Institution: _____ | | | | |
| Location: _____ | Dates: _____ | Location: _____ | Dates: _____ | | |
| Major: _____ | GPA: _____ | Major: _____ | GPA: _____ | | |
| Degree: _____ | Date Received: _____ | Degree: _____ | Date Received: _____ | | |

Official transcripts from **all** colleges attended should be mailed directly to: Cumberland University, Graduate Admissions Office, One Cumberland Square, Lebanon TN 37087-3408



REFERENCES

Please list the name and address of three persons, including your current supervisor, who know of your professional/academic work and are willing to recommend you for this program. Give each person a recommendation form and instruct them to mail it directly to the Graduate Office. Your application will NOT be considered complete until all references have been received. (Loans cannot be processed until your file is complete.)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you ever applied to Cumberland University before? Yes No If Yes, when? _____
How did you hear about Cumberland's MA program? _____

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I understand withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to, or continuation in, Cumberland University's Master of Arts in Fine Arts program. I certify that the above statements are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Mail to: Cumberland University, Graduate Admissions Office
One Cumberland Square
Lebanon, Tennessee 37087-3408

Telephone: 615-547-1206 Toll-free: 1-800-467-0562 Ext. 1206

Cumberland University makes no distinction in its admission policies or procedures on grounds of age, sex, religion, race, color, national origin, or physical handicaps.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

To Be Completed by Applicant:

Name: _____ SS#: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

NOTE TO APPLICANT: This form must be used for recommendations. Please enter your name above and deliver one copy of this form to three individuals who will provide you with a recommendation. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students enrolled at Cumberland University have access to their educational records, including letters of evaluation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of evaluation, in which case the letters will be held in confidence. If the applicant has not signed a waiver, he or she may request to see the recommendation forms after enrolling in the Graduate Studies Program at Cumberland University.

If you wish to waive your right to examine the recommendation submitted by the person to whom this form is being given, please sign here:

Signature of Applicant

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER: The person named above is applying for admission to Cumberland University's Master of Arts in Fine Arts degree program. We would appreciate your assessment of the applicant and welcome your comments. Please read the *Note to Applicant* above regarding confidentiality. We appreciate your time and effort.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

What do you consider to be the applicant's greatest attributes and abilities? _____

In what areas do you think the applicant needs the most improvement? _____

How well do you think the applicant has considered plans for graduate study? _____

How well do you think the applicant will perform in an environment that stresses a high degree of teamwork, independent thought and action, and personal motivation? _____

(continued on back)



In terms of the qualities listed below, please evaluate the applicant:

| | EXCEPTIONAL (Top 5%) | OUTSTANDING (Top 15%) | ABOVE AVERAGE (Top 33%) | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE (Bottom 33%) | NOT ABLE TO RATE |
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| Does applicant actively seek to learn, and appear interested and engaged in academic content? | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's Analytical Ability | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's ability to collaborate with others in a professional setting | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's Written Communications | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's Oral Communications | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's Leadership Potential | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's Motivation and Organization | | | | | | |
| Rate the applicant's Ethical Behavior | | | | | | |
| Does the candidate seem to value and demonstrate an understanding of the promises and challenges presented by individuality and cultural diversity? | | | | | | |

RECOMMENDATION:

Highly recommend Recommend without reservation Recommend with reservation Do not recommend

Name: _____

Title: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Signature of Recommender

Date

We welcome any additional comments you may wish to make regarding the applicant's abilities.

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MASTER OF ARTS IN FINE ARTS REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT

TO THE STUDENT: Please complete the information below. Make as many copies as you need, and send one to the Registrar at each college or university that you attended for bachelor's degree and graduate coursework.

NAME _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

BIRTHDATE _____ SS# _____

I authorize _____ to release my transcript
(Name of College)
and any information contained in my academic and/or personnel records to Cumberland University.

SIGNATURE

DATE

TO THE REGISTRAR:

The student named above has applied for admission to our graduate program. This form is part of the official application. Please return this form and an official copy of the student's transcript to:

Cumberland University
Graduate Admissions Office
One Cumberland Square
Lebanon, TN 37087-3408