

THE ARTS COUNCIL'S CARMICHAEL SCHOLARSHIP

(The Arts & Cultural Council of the Twin Counties)

Instructions

Purpose:

This scholarship fund is designed to help a high school senior who is interested in pursuing further education in the visual or performing arts in a 2 or 4 year college/university or conservatory. The artistic field need not be the student's academic major or primary career goal, but should complement their overall plan.

The Arts Council typically awards one \$500 scholarship in each of these three geographic areas: Galax City, Carroll County, and Grayson County and a fourth scholarship for students whose matriculation takes place outside the public school system (i.e. home schooled youth and private school students). ***A FIFTH scholarship is available*** for students pursuing theatre studies (acting, directing, design or production). At its discretion, The Arts Council may choose to withhold awarding one or more scholarships if no applicants are deemed appropriate. Funds will be given directly to the higher education institution or conservatory once the student has made a final commitment.

Application Requirements:

1. Complete Application Form.
2. Each applicant will submit an essay summarizing (1–4 pages) his or her request for consideration of the scholarship. It should include, but not be limited to, the following elements:
 - a. Name of the applicant
 - b. Major focus of study and interests in high school
 - c. Name and location of the college/university or conservatory that the student plans to attend, and why that institution was chosen
 - d. Qualifications of the student that would suggest this scholarship is necessary and appropriate for the individual student. Future plans for study and career application for the area of study.
3. High School Transcripts (photocopy) &/or equivalent SAT, ACT or College Board sealed results.
4. A letter of recommendation from an artistic mentor or community leader is requested along with a sample of artistic achievement. Photos, CDs & DVDs demonstrating artistic talent are appropriate submissions.
5. **Packages must be received by The Arts Council by the due date (April 21st for 2017).**

Basis for evaluation:

1. The student must show interest in pursuing a major or minor in one of the visual or performing arts at a 2- or 4-year college/university or a professional arts training program or conservatory.
2. The student need not demonstrate a financial need for support; however, documentation of financial need may be submitted.
3. The student must plan to graduate from high school this spring in Galax, Carroll County, Grayson County or be enrolled in a course of study outside the traditional public school system and plan to attend a college or conservatory in the coming fall.
4. A committee of at least three (3) Arts Council board members will meet after the April 21st deadline to review the applications. The Committee reserves the right to conduct in-person interviews or call references if a decision cannot be reached based on the written documentation. No discussion of the selection process will be given to anyone outside the committee. Their decision will be reached no later than Friday, May 5, 2017.
5. *Scholarship recipients will be expected to attend the Arts Council's Annual Meeting (end of May or first weekend in June). We encourage their immediate family and their scholastic and artistic mentors to attend as well. All other applicants will be notified of the outcome no later than five days following the Annual Meeting.*
6. Funds will be distributed to the higher education institution after July 1st and once the student has provided the Arts Council with their college/conservatory ID number and has an account set up to received funds.

Please have applicants share the information listed below with the individual writing their letter of recommendation:

Artistic Mentor/Community Leader Letter of Recommendation:

Give the full name of the student.

Please give, in as much detail as possible, your knowledge of this applicant in the areas of: artistic ability, responsibility, seriousness of purpose, tendencies toward inquiry, tendencies toward being a self-starter, interest in the arts, and any other characteristics you consider relevant. Also include the length of time you have worked with this student, and in what regard.

Letters of Recommendation must be included in the application packet due April 21, 2017.