



Greater Pottstown Foundation Scholarship for the Arts Guidelines 2016

Introduction

The Greater Pottstown Foundation Scholarship for the Arts is designed to financially assist a qualified applicant in obtaining a degree from accredited academic institutions of higher learning for study in the arts. The program is open to any Pottstown, Pottsgrove, The Hill School, or Owen J. Roberts High School senior student preparing to enter or already accepted to an accredited degree-granting college or university.

The scholarship is awarded based on two criteria: artistic performance as displayed at the Greater Pottstown Foundation Scholarship Art Exhibit at ArtFusion 19464, and an essay on why the applicant wants to continue their education in the arts. **The applicant's intended field of study must include a major or a minor in an arts-related field.**

Instructions

1. The scholarship is limited to use at an accredited four year degree-granting institution of higher learning.
2. ArtFusion 19464's and the Greater Pottstown Foundation's members holding elected or appointed offices, employees, along with members of their immediate family are not eligible for these scholarships.
3. Application deadline with essay is **February 29, 2016**. Participation in the exhibit scheduled from May 21 to June 4 is **mandatory**. (Artwork that will be submitted for the scholarship need not be completed until the May 14 drop off date for the exhibit.)
4. Drop off for the mandatory art show is Saturday, May 14 from 11am-2pm. Completed inventory sheets must be dropped off with your artwork. **Application and essay must be received by February 29, 2016** in order to be eligible for scholarship. Applications can be mailed in, dropped off or emailed to info@artfusion19464.org. Applications can be downloaded from the website at <http://artfusion19464.org/classes/scholarshipsprograms/>.
5. The award recipient will be notified at the award presentation to be held at ArtFusion 19464 on May 21, 2016 from at 1pm. Attendance by the artist or their representative is mandatory. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or state of physical handicap.

Application Process

A complete submission will include:

- a completed application form
- essay describing why the candidate wants to pursue his/her study of the arts.
- participation in the art exhibit at ArtFusion 19464. Applicants must submit a total of three pieces. Choose 3 of the 5 categories listed below and create one new piece for each chosen category.
 - one (1) piece of artwork in watercolor
 - one (1) piece of artwork in mixed media or graphic design (computer generated artwork).

- one (1) piece of artwork in pencil, pen and ink, charcoal or pastel.
- one (1) piece of artwork in oil or acrylic.
- one (1) piece of sculpture, which includes pottery, stone, glass, metal, fiber or wood.
- You may only submit one piece per category.
- All pieces must be completed in a single medium to qualify for that category. Any pieces that use more than one medium will only qualify for the mixed media category. For example a piece submitted as “pencil” must use only pencil, not pencil and watercolor. The judges will be looking at your skill and creativity in using that specific medium.
- All pieces of art must be specially created for this scholarship, and **cannot** have appeared in other shows. **All pieces on paper must be matted. Any works on stretched canvas must have all four sides painted.**

IMPORTANT

The winner of the scholarship will relinquish the ownership of the artwork submitted to The Greater Pottstown Foundation for their permanent collection. All other artwork must be picked up by the submitting artist by June 4, 2016. Any work not claimed by that date becomes the property of the Foundation.

All written materials submitted for consideration for the scholarship will automatically become the physical property of The Greater Pottstown Foundation and will not be returned to the sender. All required items must be submitted or the application will be denied.

Candidate Evaluation and Selection

1. ArtFusion 19464 will provide a Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee comprised of an impartial panel of no fewer than three and no more than five appropriately qualified judges including juried artists from the general local area and art professors.
2. Candidates will be judged in three categories: creativity, technical skill and essay
3. All decisions of ArtFusion 19464 and its Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee are final.

Notification

1. Name of the scholarship recipient will be published on ArtFusion 19464’s website.
2. The name of the recipient will be published in ArtFusion publications as appropriate.
3. An appropriate biography and pictorial will be presented on the Foundation’s website and as otherwise deemed appropriate by them.

Scholarship Rules

The Scholarship is a \$10,000 scholarship for four (4) years of college education. The four years of college education must be commenced by age 20 and the four years must be completed by September 2021. The scholarship may be used for any approved and accredited college or vocational school. An equal one-quarter (1/4) of the scholarship will be paid directly to the college of your choice on an annual or semi-annual basis as a credit against your tuition, room and board charges. The Recipient is required to notify the Foundation at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of each school year and/or semester, of the name of the school, its address, the name of the school treasurer, and any student I.D. number.

It shall be the Recipient’s obligation to notify the Foundation prior to the commencement of the Recipient’s post high school education of the nature and length of the post high school education the Recipient plans to undertake. In no event will any portion of the scholarship award be payable directly to the Recipient. Tuition bills must be forwarded to the Greater Pottstown Foundation for payment. In the event that tuition, room and board are less than the \$2,500 per annum awarded, then, the maximum amount of the annual payment shall be equal to the full tuition and room and board. In the event that the Recipient receives other scholarships or awards (not including loans or work study programs) which cause the balance due for tuition, room and board to be less than \$2,500 per annum, the maximum amount of the scholarship award shall be equal to the balance of tuition, room and board due and owing

after subtraction of all such other awards and scholarships, up to \$2,500 per annum. In the event that the Recipient elects to live off campus during any one or more years, the Foundation will pay the Recipient's tuition and rent with the maximum amount of the annual payment being equal to the lesser of full tuition and room or \$2,500.00, less any other scholarships or awards received. It shall be the Recipient's responsibility to advise the Foundation of the Recipient's intention to rent off campus so as to allow sufficient time for lease verification and for execution of the rental payment.



GPF Scholarship Application

Please send this completed application form and your essay by February 29, 2016 to:

ArtFusion 19464
254 E. High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
Attention: GPF Art Scholarship

Today's Date:		Received:	
Student Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Student Cell Phone:		Student Email:	
Home Phone:		School:	
Parent Name(s):			
Colleges accepted or applying to:			
1.			
2.			
3.			
<p>I have read the guidelines of the scholarship and agree to all terms listed. If I am chosen as the winner, my submitted artwork will become the property of The Greater Pottstown Foundation.</p>			
Applicant Signature:			
Parent/Guardian Signature:			
<p>Essay Topic: Why I want to continue my education in the arts. (500 words or less). Please attach a printed (typed) copy of your essay. Essays can also be emailed to info@artfusion19464.org.</p>			