

## **VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Portage Center for the Arts**

The Visual Arts Scholarship, dedicated to the support of a visual arts student pursuing an art degree or its equivalent after high school, is made possible by a generous gift from Eleanor Drury. **Deadline April 15, 2017.**

#### **Application Criteria:**

1. The scholarship is available to a senior in high school, or a currently enrolled college/arts school student originating from a town serviced by Portage Center for the Arts (Portage, Pardeeville, Rio, Lodi, Poynette, Cambria-Friesland, Columbus, Westfield, Montello and Wisconsin Dells).
2. Students must (intend to) major or minor in Art or Art Education at a college or special arts school.
3. Students applying must have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative academic grade point average at the time of application.
4. Active participation in art related activities in high school and/or college would be desirable.

#### **Scholarship Amount:**

One \$500.00 scholarship will be paid upon verification the student has successfully completed the first semester of college/arts school and provides proof of second consecutive semester enrollment.

#### **Application Procedure:**

1. Application can be made by completing the Portage Center for the Arts Visual Arts Scholarship Application form available from the office at 301 E. Cook St. (608-742-5655) or online at [www.portagecenterforthearts.com](http://www.portagecenterforthearts.com). The application may also be available through individual local high school websites.
2. Attach copy of high school or college transcript.
3. Attach two letters of recommendation with at least one being from an art teacher.
4. Write a brief autobiography focusing on art interests, awards, future ambitions, family history as it relates to art, what school you plan to or are attending, and why you feel this scholarship is important to you.
5. Please submit an art portfolio in the form of high quality 8.5" by 11" prints (no original art, please), with a minimum of 5 pieces. This should be accompanied by a document that describes each piece: title, size, medium and a brief description. You may want to include multiple angles of three-dimensional work, if appropriate.
6. Completed applications should be sent to Portage Center for the Arts, PO Box 866, Portage, WI 53901, or brought to PCA during regular business hours. **Deadline is April 15, 2017.**
7. The Visual Arts Scholarship Committee may request an interview.

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APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution of (Planned) Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

If still in High School, have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

(Intended) major area of study or art focus: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board of Trustees Responsibilities, Stipulations, Procedure Etc.:**

1. The Visual Arts Committee acts as the Scholarship Committee (includes Executive Director).
2. The Visual Arts Committee will review the scholarship applications and make the decision on the recipient.
3. The Chairperson of the Visual Arts Committee (or designee) shall present the scholarship award at the Honors Awards Night at the appropriate high school, if chosen applicant is a high school senior.
4. If there are no applications or the Scholarship Committee decides none of the applicants are satisfactory, the scholarship money will remain in the fund with the same amount of \$500.00 being offered the next year for one scholarship.
5. PCA will submit publicity regarding the scholarship to appropriate news outlets.