

Scholarship Guidelines

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 a study in the arts. The program is open to any Pottstown, Pottsgrove, Hill School or O&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 merit as measured by artistic performance as displayed at the Greater Pottstown Foundation Senior High School Art Exhibit at the Gallery School of Pottstown and scholarship essay submitted. The applicant's intended field of study **must include a major 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. The Gallery School of Pottstown'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. **Revised application deadline is May 7, 2011.** The award recipient will be notified at the June 4th reception to be held at the Gallery School of Pottstown. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or state of physical handicap.
4. An exhibit scheduled from May 21st to June 11th is mandatory to participate in to be eligible for the scholarship.
5. Drop off dates and inventory sheets will be emailed to your art instructor at a later date. Artwork that will be submitted for the scholarship need not be completed until the drop off date as you will be handing in inventory sheets at drop off time.

Application Process

All application materials should be sent to The Gallery School of Pottstown, 254 High Street, Pottstown, PA 19464, Attention: Scholarship. In order to be a completed submission, we must receive by the deadline:

- a completed application form
- one essay describing why the candidate wants to pursue his/her study of the arts.
- Participation in the art exhibit at the Gallery School of Pottstown, which needs to include:
 - one (1) piece of artwork in watercolor or pastel
 - one (1) piece of artwork in pencil, charcoal or ink
 - one (1) piece of artwork in oil or acrylic.

That is a total of (3) three pieces of art, no more and no less.

All materials submitted (**excluding artwork**) for consideration for a scholarship automatically becomes the physical property of the The Greater Pottstown Foundation and will not be returned to the sender.

All items must be submitted or otherwise application will be denied.

Candidate Evaluation and Selection

1. The Gallery School of Pottstown will provide a Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee comprised of an impartial panel of no less than three and no more than five appropriately qualified judges including at least two recognized juried artists from the general local area, art professors and collectors.
2. All decisions of the Gallery School of Pottstown and its Scholarship Evaluation and Selection Committee are final.

Notification

1. Name of the scholarship recipient will be published on the Gallery School of Pottstown's Website.
2. The name of scholarship recipient will be published in Gallery School publications as appropriate.
3. An appropriate biography and pictorial will be presented on the Foundations'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, 2017. The scholarship may be used for any approved and accredited college or vocational school. An equal one-quarter (1/4) of the scholarship principal and interest 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. 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.

Scholarship Essay

Please fill in your essay in the spaces provided below. You may send the completed essays to Julie Tonnessen via e-mail (Julie@galleryonhigh.com) or via regular mail to:

Gallery School of Pottstown
254 High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
Attention: GPF Scholarship

Applicant name: _____

Essay: Why I want to continue my education in the arts. (500 words or less)

Application Information

Please fill in the application form in the spaces provided below. You may send the completed form to Julie Tonnessen at Julie@galleryonhigh.com or via regular mail to:

Gallery School of Pottstown
254 High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
Attention: PSS Scholarship

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

College(s) accepted or applying to:

Please provide an address for college and contact person if possible.

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