

WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC.
ARTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Eligibility:

- The Worcester Arts Council (WCAC) will award scholarships of \$1,000.00 each, to qualified students during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Applicants must be legal residents of Worcester County.
- Applicants must be graduating from high school in May 2012, or enrolled in an art program at the undergraduate level.
- The Scholarship must be used for enrollment in an accredited college program toward a degree in the arts. Scholarship moneys are limited to tuition and fees only.
- Scholarships are awarded on the basis of artistic merit and artistic potential only. Financial need is not considered.
- Previous scholarship winners may re-apply provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirement. Individuals are restricted to winning the scholarship a maximum of two (2) times.

Application Process:

- Applications must be submitted to:
Worcester County Arts Council,
6B Jefferson Street,
Berlin, MD 21811
- Application deadline is March 15, 2012, 2 pm.
- No late or incomplete entry will be accepted.
- Applications must be typed or word processed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- Applications must be accompanied by two (2) sealed letters of recommendation from art teachers, artists, or professionals related to the arts who are familiar with the applicant's artistic work.
- Applications must also include a copy of their academic transcript.
- Please be sure to complete the entire application form and ensure all accompanying materials are enclosed prior to mailing.

Applicants must submit one of the following:

- **Visual Arts** – CD (PowerPoint) or DVD of visual art
 - Must contain 8 - 10 images
 - All images must be numbered and include a title.
 - All works must be original.
 - Works submitted must include a minimum of two (2) different media.
 - Photography – include digital and film works
 - No more than two (2) submitted works may be in-class assignments, and must be identified as such. (The judges want to see works you created for yourself; for others; for any purpose other than for a grade.)
- **Music** - CD of musical accomplishments
 - Must include title of each selection
 - Must perform at least two (2) contrasting selections
 - At least one solo piece provided.
- **Dance and Theatre** - DVD of performance
 - **Dancers**
 - Must include a title for each dance routine
 - Must perform two (2) contrasting dance styles of 2-3 minute lengths each.
 - **Actors**
 - Must include a title for each monologue
 - Must perform a 2-3 minute dramatic monologue and a 2-3 minute comedic monologue.
- **Writers** – CD of work in Microsoft Office or rtf format
 - No less than two (2) and no more than five (5) works.
 - **Writers**
 - Must include a title for each story
 - Should submit their work in short story styles.
 - **Poets**
 - Must included a title for each poem
 - Should show abilities with poetic styles (i.e. sonnets, Haiku, free-verse, etc.)

Selection Process and Scholarship Award:

- Applications will be reviewed by the Arts Council Scholarship Committee.
- Applicants should be available for an interview if requested.
- The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations for scholarship recipients to the WCAC Board of Directors. **The decision of the Board of Directors is FINAL!**
- A Scholarship Award certificate will be presented to the recipient(s) by a WCAC Board member at the recipient's school senior award ceremony.
- Checks will be forwarded to the college or university when that information is provided by the scholarship winner(s).
- Winners are required to attend the WCAC annual meeting/picnic. Date & Time will be announced.