WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC.
ARTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Eligibility:

- The Worcester County Arts Council will provide awards that range in the amounts from $500 to $2000 to qualifying students.
- The number and amount of the award are determined by the quality and artistic merit of the application and are based on the funds availability.
- Funds are provided for tuition costs and fees and are paid directly to the recipient's school.
- Applicants must be legal residents of Worcester County.
- Applicants must be graduating from high school in May 2024 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 (in pdf format) must be e-mailed to: anna@worcestercountyartscouncil.org PLEASE INCLUDE: "ARTS SCHOLARSHIP" IN THE SUBJECT OF THE MESSAGE**
- **A hard copy of the application must be mailed, or hand delivered to the Worcester County Arts Council's office (6 Jefferson Street, Berlin MD 21811)**
- *Application deadline is MAY 3, 2024.*

- *No late or incomplete entry will be accepted.*

- Applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

- Applications must be accompanied by two **(2) sealed letters of recommendation from art teachers, artists, or art professionals** that are familiar with the applicant's **artistic** work.

- Applications must also include a sealed and signed copy of their official academic transcript.

- Please be sure to complete the entire application form and ensure all accompanying materials are enclosed prior to submitting.

- All artistic presentation files MUST be compatible with Microsoft Windows software, saved to the USB Flash Drive (thumb drive), and submitted with the application.

Applicants must submit one of the following:

Culinary/Pastry Arts

Culinary Arts - submit a portfolio (digital copy) containing:
- A menu (service for four) composed of:
    - One appetizer
    - One soup or salad
    - One entrée – must include one protein, one starch, and one vegetable

- Detailed menu descriptions – menu will be based on $25 spending limit
- Detailed recipe cards for each menu item (for four portions each)
- Detailed method of preparation descriptions for each item (may be included as part of recipe cards)
- Itemized and priced shopping list
- Photos of each menu item

Pastry Arts - submit a portfolio (digital copy) containing:

- A menu for a dessert sampler for 4 composed of:
  - One fruit-based tart
  - One chocolate dessert
  - One mousse
  - One layered pastry napoleon
- Detailed menu descriptions – menu will be based on selling price of $16 per sampler
- Detailed recipe cards for each menu item (for four portions each)
- Detailed method of preparation descriptions for each item (may be included as part of recipe cards)
- Itemized and priced shopping list
- Photos of each menu item

Visual Arts – (PowerPoint format)

- Must contain 8 - 10 images
- Each image must:
- Be an Original work
- Be Signed
- Be Numbered
- Include a Title and Medium used
- Include a Description of how it best represents your artistic abilities, skills, goals, etc.
  - Works submitted must include a minimum of **two (2) different media**.
  - 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.)
  - Those applying for a second time, of the 8 - 10 images, only 2 may have been submitted with the previous year's application.
- The Scholarship Committee may request you to submit one piece of actual artwork for further review. Artwork will be returned no later than June 1st.

Music (Vocal and Instrumental)

- Must perform at least two (2) **Contrasting** selections
  - Each Selection Must:
    - Include the Title and Composer of the piece
    - Include a Description of how this piece best represents your abilities, skills, goals, etc.
- At least **one** selection must be a **solo** piece.
- Those applying for a second time must include pieces that were not previously submitted.

Dancers must perform **two (2) contrasting** dance styles of maximum 2 - minute lengths each

- Each Dance Must:
  - Include the Title, Composer, and Choreographer of the dance
  - Include a Description of how this dance best represents your abilities, skills, goals, etc.
- **One** dance must be a **solo**
- In a group performance, please identify your position in the group

Actors must:

- Perform one (1) max. 2 – minute dramatic monologue
- Perform one (1) max 2 – minute comedic monologue
- Include the Title and Author of each monologue
- Include a Description of how the monologue best represents your abilities, skills, goals, etc.

- Dancers and Actors applying for a second time must include performances that were not previously submitted.

Writers

- No less than two (2) and no more than five (5) original works.
- **Writers** should submit their work in **short story** styles.
- **Poets** should show abilities with **poetic styles** (i.e. sonnets, Haiku, free verse, etc.)
- Those applying for a second time must include works that were not previously submitted.

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!**

- Announcements of the award will be made by a WCAC representative at the recipient school's senior award ceremony or graduation (**if feasible**).

- All applicants will receive a notification of the scholarship decision in the mail no later than June 1st.

- Checks will be forwarded directly to the award recipient's college or university.

- **All recipients are required to submit the following information:**
  - Full name and address of college or university attending
  - Name of Department/Contact Person to whom we send the award check
  - Student school ID Number

Winners will be invited to Arts Scholarship Presentation at the Worcester County Arts Council Annual Art Celebration to be held in June 2024 .
Winners will be notified of date/time and location