

NORTHWEST ALABAMA ARTS COUNCIL, INC.

“Reflections of the South” Art Scholarship

Mission Statement

The Northwest Alabama Arts Council “Reflections of the South” Art Scholarship will recognize a graduating Marion County senior who has been engaged in the study of any form of visual arts in high school, and who intends to continue art studies in college with a goal of having a career in the arts. Art includes, but may not be limited to painting, sculpture, photography, graphic design, architecture, arts education, or art museum work.

The student may use the scholarship funds for tuition, fees, books, or to purchase art supplies from the college.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a senior graduating from a public high school in Marion County (Brilliant, Hackleburg, Hamilton, Marion County, Phillips, or Winfield) in good standing and must be planning to enter an educational institution of higher learning with the avowed decision to further study art.

Applicants must, in the considered judgment of their teachers, show evidence of creativity and originality in their artwork.

Scholarship amount

Amount of the scholarship is a one-time award of \$500. Payment will be deposited directly into the student’s account at his/her college by the Northwest Alabama Arts Council upon proof of enrollment and good academic standing. No monies will be given directly to the student. It will be the responsibility of the selectee to provide contact information for his/her college’s financial office to the Northwest Alabama Arts Council (staff@northwestalabamaarts.org).

The 2016 Reflections of the South scholarship is valid for payment through December 31, 2017.

Note: In any year that there is not a suitable candidate for the scholarship, funding will be reserved for the following year.

To Apply

Complete the attached application form and send it to the **Northwest Alabama Arts Council at P. O. Box 694, Hamilton, Alabama, 35570**, along with:

- A typed or printed statement of up to two pages on the following: What is your history as a student of art? How has art made a difference in your life thus far? What are your goals in this field? How do you anticipate using this scholarship?
- Applicants must present a portfolio of work, entirely original, which may include independent projects completed outside the classroom. It is not required but is preferred this portfolio be placed on a disk for submission. All work displayed in the portfolio **MUST BE** the original work of the applicant only. Submission of any other person's artwork will result in disqualification from consideration and forfeiture of the scholarship.
- A letter of recommendation or support from the student's high school art teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, or principal.

Deadline

Completed applications must be received by the Northwest Alabama Arts Council by April 30, 2016.

Notification

The scholarship recipient will be notified by regular U.S. Post Service mail.

Review Criteria/Review Process

Applicants' applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of members of the Northwest Alabama Arts Council, to include, officers, advisors, and independent art educators.

Review Criteria

The committee will review requests for scholarships according to the following criteria:

- The student's demonstrated ability and devotion to the study of the visual arts.
- The student's efforts and ambitions to achieve their goals.

Questions

Please contact Tony Williams, President, Northwest Alabama Arts Council at (205) 921-5252, or staff@northwestalabamaarts.org.

Northwest Alabama Arts Council

The Northwest Alabama Arts Council was created in 2004 with one primary purpose – to take over the reigns of the newly established Jerry Brown Arts Festival – and one secondary purpose – to promote the arts and art education in the rural Northwest Alabama area of Franklin, Lamar, Marion, and Winston counties.

Five years later in 2009, the council reduced its service area to Marion County only, thereby allowing for a renewed emphasis on serving the communities, residents, and students of the Marion County area. The Northwest Alabama Arts Council is an IRS-approved 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and as such, it continuously strives to find ways to enhance the arts in our county.

Funding for the “Reflections of the South” Art Scholarship

Funds for the “Reflections of the South” Art Scholarship are primarily derived from proceeds of the Jerry Brown Arts Festival, a juried festival held in Hamilton the first weekend of March each year celebrating the heritage and legacy of primarily rural folk artists.

The festival, named in honor of Smithsonian artist and Hamilton resident, potter Jerry Brown, has become a top juried arts festival in the Southeastern United States since its inception in 2003. Additional monies are provided by local civic organizations, businesses, and individuals who support the arts and art education in Marion County.

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Please attach the required documentation, and complete this application and return it to the Northwest Alabama Arts Council by **April 30, 2016** via mail to: **Northwest Alabama Arts Council, P. O. Box 694, Hamilton, Alabama, 35570.**

Applicant's Name: _____

Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parents' (Guardians') Name: _____

Occupation(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

City or town you have resided in during the majority of your last two years in high school: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Testing/GPA/Ranks:

Cumulative GPA: _____

English ACT score: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science _____

Composite Rank in Class _____ Class Size _____

Name of College or University you will be attending for the upcoming school year (Sept.- June): _____

Will you be a full-time student? Yes or No _____

Expected date of college graduation: _____

If enrolling as a part-time student, please explain: _____

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Intended/Declared Major _____

List high school academic honors and year (freshman, sophomore, etc.):

List acknowledgement of merit, caliber, excellence, virtue, or value:

List your chief interests and activities in high school and years (freshman, sophomore, etc.) you were involved in these activities:

List any community activities you have pursued, including any jobs you have held and volunteer work, with corresponding dates:

I certify that all the statements made in this application form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith, and I further certify all artwork attached to this application is my original work(s).

Signature _____ Date _____