



2024 Visual and Graphic Arts Scholarship Application

Wilkes Art Gallery is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating Wilkes County seniors who are pursuing postsecondary education in **visual and/or graphic arts**. The Wilkes Art Gallery Scholarship awards up to \$1,000 to qualifying applicants. The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize and encourage students who demonstrate exceptional potential and ability in visual arts, as well as academic achievement. The awarding process for this scholarship includes a completed application, official high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, a portfolio, and a panel interview. **The deadline for the completed application is April 26th, 2024.** Applications submitted after this date or incomplete applications will not be considered. Once finalists are selected, the Gallery will contact you to schedule an interview. The scholarship winners will be awarded at their senior awards assembly.

A few important notes:

1. Sealed academic transcripts should be sent to the address below:
Wilkes Art Gallery
c/o Scholarship Committee
913 C Street
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
2. Ask two people who know you and your work to complete the form on page 3 and send it to the address above. At least one person should be familiar with and be able to evaluate your artwork.
3. The completed applications and reference forms need to be sent to the above address on or before April 26th, 2024. Applications and/or reference forms received after that date will not be considered.
4. Finalists who are invited for an interview will be asked to present a portfolio of work for review. This portfolio should include five to seven examples of your best artwork in visual or graphic arts. Every piece does not have to be in a “finished” state. Photographs of large works are acceptable, as are art journals and sketchbooks. Graphic arts students who would like to present a digital portfolio may do so if we are given notice prior to your interview.

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Please answer the attached questions (with a minimum of 150 words per question) in a separate document and send to Brooke Horn at director@wilkesartgallery.org or mail to the Gallery address.

Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

High School:

Senior Awards Ceremony Date:

1. Describe your higher education plans and career goals. Please include the colleges or universities you have applied to.

2. What artists have you studied or been influenced by? Are there any styles or periods that inspire you? How have these impacted your art making and portfolio? Explain.

3. Imagine that you were given an opportunity to create an art series without limitations. You may choose the subject, size, medium, number of pieces, etc. Describe this project in detail including why you chose the subject, size, medium and quantity to convey the series. Share where you would want this series to be viewed, who is your target audience and how you would want to impact the viewer.

WILKES ART GALLERY VISUAL ARTS AND GRAPHIC ARTS SCHOLARSHIP Recommendation/ Reference Form

You have received this form because you have been selected by a prospective applicant for a Wilkes Art Gallery Scholarship. This scholarship is for a graduating high school senior in Wilkes County who has demonstrated success in the visual arts and plans to attend higher education institution and major in visual arts post-high school. A one-time scholarship will be awarded to chosen applicants. The applicant has indicated that you have knowledge of his/her qualifications.

Please answer the questions below and send your completed recommendation on or before April 26th, 2024 to:

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In your letter, please provide your name and contact information, the scholarship applicant's name, and how you know the applicant.

Why are you recommending that the applicant receives the scholarship?

Please include information about the student's overall artistic potential, work ethic, academic success, extracurricular involvements, or any other information in support of the applicant.