

Guidelines

Robert B McMillen Foundation Scholarships

For the school year beginning in the fall of 2023, The Robert B McMillen Foundation will hold a scholarship competition for students entering or attending institutions of higher education listed on the Foundation's List of Approved and majoring in the area of Visual Arts. Renewals will continue to be awarded according to performance.

Eligibility:

1. A student's eligibility for a scholarship is based on the student's intent to seek a degree or certification at an accredited institution of higher education within the states of Washington and/or Alaska in the area of Visual Arts. The following are the approved schools: Cornish College of the Arts, DigiPen Institute of Technology or Northwest College of Art & Design.
2. Those applying for scholarships should be able to demonstrate outstanding performance in the areas of visual art.
3. Eligibility for a scholarship is partially based upon demonstrated financial need as determined by using the Department of Education Federal Methodology formula as calculated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This information can be found on your award letter (if awarded), and/or on your FAFSA, and/or by asking a financial aid officer at your school to help you.

Application:

1. The application and submission instructions can be found online. Completed application and all other items required by the application must be **received** by 5:00 pm PST on May 5, 2023. **Note: Acceptance is NOT based upon a postmarked date. Do not trust the US Postal Service or any other carrier to deliver any materials on time.**
2. In addition to the completed application form, the application requires the following additional information:
 - a. A copy of the acceptance letter to the educational institution of choice, if acceptance has occurred. Application to college must occur before submitting this application for scholarship.
 - b. Your official certified high school and/or college transcript. What you submit with your application depends on your level of education:
 - High School Student/No College: Requires official transcripts from all secondary schools.
 - Less than 2 years of College: Requires official transcripts from both secondary school(s) and college(s).
 - More than 2 years of College: Requires only official college transcript(s).

Please Note: We must have two years of grade data to calculate the merit portion of your application. Applications that do not include two years of grade data will only receive a partial score in this category.

 - c. Financial Aid Worksheet (to be completed by each applicant).
 - The Robert B. McMillen Foundation's visual art scholarship is partially based on demonstrated need. Due to new privacy regulations, schools are no longer able to

provide this information to us on the applicant's behalf even with permission from the applicant. Applicants must print the Financial Aid Worksheet, fill it out, and then return to the application portal to upload the completed form. You will not be able to submit your application until this step is complete.

- d. Essay – The applicant's original essay, done in the style which they choose.
- The essay must answer the following questions: 1) How has art influenced your life?; 2) Why have you chosen the school you have?; and 3) What career do you wish to have once you are out of college?
 - **If the end product is recorded or is a video, then:**
 - ✓ Must be no more than 3 minutes in length;
 - ✓ Must be uploaded into the online application portal;
 - ✓ Must be viewable/playable on a standard PC.
 - **If end product is in any other format, then:**
 - ✓ If written, not more than 500 words.
 - ✓ It must be physically mailed to the Foundation office and it must arrive by the application deadline.

Please Note: The essay constitutes a large portion of your score. Visual Creativity is highly encouraged. There are many ways to do an artistic essay- you're the artist- be creative!!

- e. Eight (8) examples of artwork submitted in .jpeg, .avi, .mov, or .swf format ONLY. We want to see who you are as an artist! In addition to potential and talent, we look for:
- **Focus** – Submit work showing the discipline you want to go into.
 - **Professionalism** – Submit finished, portfolio-worthy work – not concept work or sketchbook drawings.
 - **Originality** – Submit work showing who you are as an artist – reproductions of masters' paintings or other artist's work should not be submitted, as this is not the applicant's original idea or works.

Scholarship:

1. The Robert B McMillen Foundation Art Scholarship is a last-in scholarship. Scholarship funds will be applied to tuition, after all other scholarships and grants, up to \$25,000 per academic year, to the school of the student's choice within The Robert B McMillen Foundation Approved College List. Scholarship funds designated for tuition must be used for tuition only. Overages cannot be given to the student (such as in the case of multiple scholarships).
2. Recipients of scholarships are selected on the basis of all factors which the Foundation considers relevant, without regard to race, sex, color, ethnic origin, religious belief, marital status, sexual preference or physical handicap.
3. Scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year will be for tuition; after all other scholarships and grants (up to \$25,000 per academic year). Students may reapply to the Foundation each year they meet eligibility requirements.
4. Scholarship funds will be paid to the educational institution which the student will be attending for the benefit of the student. At no time will funds be paid directly to a student.

5. The scholarship recipient is expected to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above for each academic period. If the grade point average falls below 3.0 during any academic period, the scholarship will terminate immediately. Cumulative GPA does not apply.

Your artwork will not be judged if:

- 1) You submit more than 8 examples of artwork, 2) You are a college student and do not submit artwork that reflects your area of focus.

We are not responsible for artwork that we are unable to view or play due to technology or formatting issues.

For Academic Year 2023-24;

Website: www.mcmillenfoundation.org

All Essays should be original pieces and, except for digital/video submissions uploaded into the portal, should be mailed to our office. Please make sure your First and Last name are clearly marked on your piece and mail your essay here:

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