

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

FINE ARTS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose

The Highland Community College Visual & Performing Arts Merit Scholarship is intended to assist those students who have demonstrated an outstanding talent and are committed to the continuing study of their art at Highland Community College.

Eligibility

All full-time (12 semester hours minimum) Highland students are eligible, if they have a current GPA of 2.75 or above. Also, high school seniors, both in district and out, may apply in their final semester of the twelfth grade. All scholarship recipients must be enrolled for at least two semester hours of study in Fine Arts.

Amount of Awards

Candidates are eligible to receive cash awards of various amounts per semester.

Selection of Recipients

Scholarships are granted on the basis of a consensus of the Scholarship Committee composed of Art, Music, and Theatre faculty members and the Humanities/Social Science Chairman.

Requirements to Apply for Scholarship

All applicants must submit the following criteria to the Fine Arts Office:

1. Evidence of a 2.75 (or above) current GPA from their high school or college via an **UNOFFICIAL** copy of your most recent transcript(s) and a copy of your ACT scores (if applicable) with your application. Unofficial copies of Highland transcripts **MUST** be obtained/requested from the Admissions and Records Office; transcripts printed from ROAR will **NOT** be accepted.
2. **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:** One (1) letter of recommendation from high school Art teacher, Music Director, or Theatre Director. **CONTINUING STUDENTS:** One (1) letter of recommendation from college Art teacher, Music Director, or Theatre Director.
3. The attached information form with a résumé of accomplishments in the declared area of interest.

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Additional Selection Criteria

Theatre: The Theatre Department will offer scholarship assistance in both Technical and Performance areas. In Technical Theatre, the judgment of the committee will be based on a review of the applicant's résumé and may include a personal interview. Performance scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a review of the résumé and will include a live audition consisting of two (2) contrasting monologues of the applicant's choosing. (Note: singing is permitted as a substitute for one monologue.)

Vocal Music: Vocal Music Scholarships require a live audition. Applicants must perform two (2) songs from Opera, Art Song or Music Theatre genres. The selections must be memorized and should reflect the applicant's highest level of achievement.

Instrumental Music: Instrumental Music Scholarships require a live audition. Applicants must include two (2) pieces reflecting the applicant's highest level of achievement. The pieces need not be memorized, but scales (major) are required.

Visual Arts: The Visual Arts Scholarship requires a review of the artists' portfolio. Portfolio submission requirements:

The representative work must include ten (10) separate, original works of art **depicting a wide variety of images and media**. In addition, preliminary sketches/sketchbook should be included. All work is to be labeled on the back of each piece with the artist name, medium, size and date of completion. Sketches/sketchbook also is to be clearly identified with the artist's name. All works of art should be enclosed or contained in a sturdy cardboard envelope, compact portfolio case or similar and clearly labeled on the outside with the artists' name and identified as **Fine Arts Scholarship; Visual Arts Portfolio**.

Whenever possible, the original work is to be submitted. However, three-dimensional works of art as well as other works that are prohibited from actual submission due to sensitivity and/or size may be submitted via CD. Please prepare electronic images of your original work according to the following specifications before burning to a CD:

File format: JPG, JPEG, or TIF (Please do not save as PCX, BMP or GIF.) If scanning, scan in "True Color" or "RGB Color" or "Millions of Colors" and capture at 300 DPI. Pixel dimensions of your digital image should be at least 1500px on the longest dimension. When shooting art with a digital camera, the camera should capture at least 4 megapixels, and the art should fill the frame as fully as possible. Filenames should be identified with the title of each work of art. All CD's must be clearly labeled with the artists' name and identified as **Fine Arts Scholarship; Visual Arts Portfolio**.

A written thank you letter to the donor will be required before award is applied to your account. Letters should be sent c/o HCC Foundation, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport IL 61032 or emailed to foundation@highland.edu

Due date for application, any portfolios, and transcripts is the *third Friday in September*. Materials should be submitted to the Fine Arts office by 5:00pm.

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**FINE ARTS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION FORM**

SEMESTER & YEAR APPLYING FOR: _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

FACULTY/COUNSELOR RECOMMENDING YOU:

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

INSTITUTION CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

CURRENT STATUS: FRESHMAN _____ SOPHOMORE _____ JUNIOR _____ SENIOR _____

AREA INTERESTED IN: THEATRE _____ MUSIC _____ ART _____

Please staple an **UNOFFICIAL** copy of your most recent transcripts (college, high school, GED, etc.) and a copy of your ACT scores (if applicable) to your application. Unofficial copies of Highland transcripts **MUST** be obtained/requested from the Admissions and Records Office; transcripts printed from ROAR will **NOT** be accepted.

I authorize the release of my financial information and other academic records to HCCF Scholarship review committee for purposes that may be used to determine eligibility for all scholarships.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2998 W. PEARL CITY RD.
FREEPORT, IL 61032-9341**

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
EVALUATION FORM (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

QUALITY OF WORK:

EXCELLENT

GOOD

AVERAGE

BELOW AVERAGE

POOR

PORTFOLIO: _____

AUDITION: _____

CONFERENCE: _____

COMMENTS: _____

RECOMMEND FOR SCHOLARSHIP: YES _____ NO _____ AMOUNT _____

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTED: SPRING _____ FALL _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE HIGHLAND FACULTY MEMBER _____

DATE _____

SIGNATURE DIVISION CHAIR _____

DATE _____