

THE CECELIA SIEMEN SCHOLARSHIP in the VISUAL ARTS

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Trustees of the South Yarmouth Library Association has established a \$3000 award to be given to a student who meets the conditions of eligibility as stated below and who shows the most promise of development and future contribution in one or more areas of the Visual Arts. Visual Arts is understood to include, but is not limited to, painting in any medium, graphic arts, sculpture, photography, and textile art. The award is aimed at advancing the study and knowledge of someone who is likely to make future contributions in the Visual Arts field. There are no residency requirements. Applicants near and far are considered equally for this award. The recipient will have an opportunity to display examples of his/her art work in the South Yarmouth Library and the Cultural Center of Cape Cod. The award is to be used to defray the recipient's institutional expenses at a college, university, or art institute. The check for the award will be sent to the institution in which the student is enrolled.

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION

1. Originality, creativity and promise of development as indicated by portfolio work, academic records, transcripts, letters of recommendation and awards.
2. Promise of development in one or more fields of Visual Arts including the consideration of the candidate's potential for future growth.
3. Potential contribution to humankind in terms of stated goals and evidence of skills and resources needed to achieve these goals.
4. General personal and social characteristics as demonstrated in extra-curricular as well as classroom performance.

ELEGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

1. He/she must be a serious student enrolled in good standing at an accredited college or art institute for at least two (2) semesters or one academic year.
2. He/she must have taken the required number of credit hours of study at that institution in the field of Visual Arts which may include, but are not limited to, painting in any medium, graphic arts, sculpture, photography and textile art.
3. He/she must submit a personal statement describing future plans and goals.
4. He/she must submit three (3) letters of recommendation including one (1) from a professional in the Visual Arts and one (1) from the institution of enrollment. The letters may be submitted by email to aecw@comcast.net.

5. He/she must submit a list of awards/achievements in the Visual Arts.
6. He/she must submit slides, photos, or digitally generated images of no more than six (6) examples of their work, accompanied by a document describing the works. These will be returned only if envelopes, packaging and postage are provided by the applicant. These works cannot be kept in any ongoing file by the scholarship committee.
7. He/she must be planning to concentrate their future studies and goals in fields of endeavor closely associated with drawing upon the areas listed in #2 above.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications to the Cecelia Siemen Scholarship in the Visual Arts should be submitted to the South Yarmouth Library Association Board of Trustees not later than April 30, 2017. Applications should include: the completed Scholarship Application Form, transcripts of all course work, three (3) letters of recommendation, his/her portfolio, and a personal statement.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to ascertain that all required application materials including recommendations, are received by the South Yarmouth Library Association Board of Trustees by April 30, 2017.
3. Special circumstances concerning the eligibility criteria should be discussed in advance by the prospective applicant with the chair of the Cecelia Siemen Scholarship Committee.

CECELIA SIEMEN SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM
2017

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL / PHONE: _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

1. By June 30, 2017, I shall have been enrolled at an accredited college or art institute for at least two (2) semesters or one (1) academic year.
2. By the date of June 30, 2017, I shall have taken the required credit hours of course offerings within the areas of study listed in #2 of the Eligibility Guidelines.
3. My grade point average for all courses taken is: _____.
4. My grade point average for courses taken within the areas of study listed under #2 of the Eligibility Guidelines is: _____.
5. I have been accepted or have acceptance pending at [College, University, or Art Institute]: _____.
6. I plan to concentrate my future studies in the field of _____.

Signature: _____

South Yarmouth Library Association Board of Trustees
Cecelia Siemen Scholarship Committee
c/o South Yarmouth Library
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