

FINE ARTS AWARD 2010

PURPOSE: In order to promote fine art studies in post-secondary education, Smith Mountain Arts Council (SMAC) makes a monetary award available to students who have demonstrated a proficiency in the visual or performing arts and who attend either Staunton River or Franklin County High Schools or are home-schooled or at private schools, and live within those school boundaries.

All students who are dedicated to pursuing a full time course of study at a two- or four-year college in the performing arts, or visual arts, or any other art-related talent, are encouraged to apply. **SPECIFICS:** A Fine Arts Award recipient must register as a *full time* freshman, whether at a 2- or 4- year college, carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. If the recipient elects to attend a community college, a Fine Arts specialization needs to be indicated at the time of registration in order to qualify for the award.

This one time award of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1000), available to Franklin County and Staunton River High School seniors and private school and home schooled seniors from those attendance areas, will be forwarded directly to the chosen college or university on behalf of the recipient for tuition only.* Talent, achievement, financial need, potential and character, may all be considered in selecting the award recipients. If applications appear relatively equal, SMAC may grant multiple awards.

*If it is determined that a recipient's financial aid is subject to a reduction as a result of SMAC's financial award, SMAC may elect to arrange for payment to be applied to expenses in other areas. Each case will be handled individually.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES:

- Application form *must be complete* and submitted to the Guidance Dept. by **FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010.**
- Application form must be received by SMAC representative noted below by **FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010.**
- An academic transcript must accompany the application.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation should be attached to the application as follows:
 1. One from a teacher in the discipline you plan to study (i.e., art, music, drama)
 2. One from an academic teacher
 3. One from a community person (civic leader, minister, etc.)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS : The recipient of a SMAC Fine Arts Award will be required to submit a copy of the letter of acceptance from the college of their choice, along with both their enrollment ID and social security numbers, in order for SMAC to submit payment.

Questions and completed applications should be directed to:

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