



WILKES ART GALLERY 2021 VISUAL ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Description: Wilkes Art Gallery is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating Wilkes County seniors who are pursuing postsecondary education in **visual arts or graphic arts**. The Wilkes Art Gallery Scholarship awards \$1500. 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 excellence. The awarding process for scholarships 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 15th, 2021. Applications submitted after this date or incomplete applications will not be considered. Once finalists are selected, staff at the gallery will contact you to schedule an interview. The scholarship winners will be announced at their schools' scholarship 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 15, 2021. 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.

Sincerely,
Ashley Blevins Barton
Executive Director

Please answer the attached questions (150 word limit) in a separate document and send to Ashley Barton at ashley@wilkesartgallery.org or mail to the above address.

Application

Name:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

School:

Senior awards date:

1. Describe your 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? Explain.

3. Imagine that you were given an opportunity to create an art series with no limitations. You may choose the subject, size, medium, etc. Describe this project in detail.

WILKES ART GALLERY VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP Recommendation/ Reference Form

This is a scholarship for a graduating high school senior in Wilkes County who has demonstrated success in the visual arts and plans to major in that area post-high school. One scholarship will be awarded. 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 15, 2021 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 receive 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.