Illinois Art Education Association
2020 Undergraduate Student Scholarship

Objective

The purpose of the Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA) is the improvement and advancement of visual arts education in schools, communities, and museums throughout Illinois. It is the intent of the IAEA Undergraduate Student Scholarship to fulfill this purpose by recognizing scholastic achievement and supporting the education of new art educators. The IAEA Undergraduate Student Scholarship is available for members that are pursuing professional work as art educators. IAEA members applying for this scholarship are eligible to receive a $1000.00 scholarship towards their undergraduate education.

Criteria For Scholarship Applicants

- The applicant is an Illinois resident and a declared undergraduate art education major enrolled in an institution of higher learning in Illinois.
- The applicant holds an active Illinois Art Education Association membership during the year of application and during the year in which a scholarship would be received.
- The applicant intends to be enrolled in educational course work during the fall semester an awarded scholarship will be administered.
- The applicant must have a grade point average of at least a 3.0.
- Past applicants and scholarship awardees may reapply for this opportunity.

Scholarship Application Requirements

The following will constitute a full and complete application:

- Completed application form
- Official grade transcripts
- Personal statement describing your rationale for pursuing an art education degree along with your career goals. (One page maximum length).
- Professional resume that includes work experiences, volunteering, leadership (including IAEA activities), exhibitions, and other honors. (One page maximum length).
- Two letters of recommendation
- Digital portfolio that may include art, design, and/or media. Portfolio should not exceed 15 total works and should represent a variety of media.

Submission Requirements

All six of the above requirements must be included for an application to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will be disqualified and not be reviewed by the Grant and Scholarship Committee.
Submission Requirements (Continued)

Applications can either be submitted digitally or as a hard copy.
- Digital submissions should be compiled and submitted as a single pdf document.
- Hard copy submissions should still include a digital portfolio that can be saved to a USB drive. Images should be saved as .jpeg or .png; video as .avi, .mov, or .mp4. File images must be identified with name of applicant and number (e.g., Smith_001; Smith_002; . . .). Please include, as a hard copy, a contact sheet that identifies and labels submitted images and/or videos. Hard copy submissions must be postmarked with the deadline date or will be disqualified. Hard copy submissions should use standardized USPS mail only. Certified mail and UPS cannot be accepted, will be returned, and will be ineligible for review. For the return of a hard copy application, please include a self-addressed, stamped 10”x 12” envelope with adequate postage.

All materials must be clearly labeled and, if applicable, carefully packaged. Late applications will be disqualified and not be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

Application Review and Scoring

The Grant and Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications. Applications are scored in the following way:
- Service to the IAEA and to the professional field (20%)
- Demonstrated achievement in volunteer and/or professional experience (20%)
- Personal statement (20%)
- Quality creative production (demonstrated in portfolio submissions) (20%)
- Recommendations (20%)

Award Procedure

The $1000 graduate scholarship will be placed on deposit with the bursar of the award recipient’s educational institution. The stipend will be effective for a 12 month period beginning in the fall of this year. The scholarship will be used for tuition, books, or art materials. At the end of the 12 month period, remaining funds will be dispersed to the recipient for additional educational expenses.

Scholarship Recipient Obligations

A scholarship recipient is expected to maintain IAEA membership for 2 years. The recipient will contribute to the IAEA’s mission by presenting at the annual Statewide Conference or contributing to an IAEA publication in the year following an award. Scholarship recipients agree to allow the IAEA to publish submitted images for promotional purposes.
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Semester hours currently enrolled:

Current Grade Point Average:

References:

I hold an active IAEA membership. ☐ Yes

Membership is required for scholarship consideration and you may join at [http://ilaea.org/membership](http://ilaea.org/membership)

I agree to present at the IAEA state conference and/or write an article for the IAEA if I am awarded this IAEA scholarship. ☐ Yes

I agree to allow the IAEA to publish submitted images for promotional purposes. ☐ Yes

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For digital submissions, email:  
vicepresident@ilaea.org

*Digital submissions are due on Sunday, May 17th, 2020.*

For hard copy submissions, mail to:  
Chris Grodoski  
IAEA Vice President  
211 East Franklin Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

*Hard copy submissions should be postmarked no later than Sunday, May 17th, 2020.*

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