2017 Studio Scholarship Competition

Purpose of Award:
The Myers School of Art Studio Scholarship exists to provide partial support for the educational costs of tuition. This award is available because of endowed funds created by multiple donors throughout the history of the Myers School of Art. Award amounts range from $250-$4,500 with additional $5,000 Gillette Academic Scholarships awarded to the best Senior, Junior, and Sophomore or Freshman. This competition occurs annually in the spring, and the total amount available to distribute varies each year.

Summary of Process:
Students who meet the eligibility requirements must apply for exhibition space. Each eligible student is assigned a space in the gallery or in the hallways to display their work. All full-time faculty vote on the portfolios exhibited, and their votes determine the scholarship winners. Faculty vote separately on underclassmen, Juniors and Seniors. The scholarship awards can be applied toward tuition in any term during the following academic year in which the student is enrolled full-time. Scholarship winners will be announced during the Spring Awards Ceremony.

Eligibility:
To be eligible, students must:

• be a declared Art major (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts).
• have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.2 in ART (7100) classes and a cumulative GPA of 3.0. The GPA calculation includes grades from all art studio and art history courses taken at The University of Akron but excludes transfer or transient coursework.
• be enrolled in at least 6 credits of coursework in art studio or art history in Spring 2017 (Subject number: 7100); and
• have completed at least 6 credits of art studio/art history at the Myers School of Art during Fall 2016.
Ineligible are students:

- in graduate school;
- with only an art minor;
- with a primary major other than art;
- who need fewer than 12 credits to earn their degree; and
- who are not in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

PROCEDURES:

1. Complete the application form on the last page of these guidelines. **Forms are due Friday, February 3, 2017, by 12pm in Folk 103.** Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

2. You must report your cumulative Art (7100) GPA in order to assess your eligibility. You may find this on your Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) report, which is accessed through MyAkron. If you have questions, please contact the Manager of Student Affairs or the Office of the University Registrar (330-972-8300) for help.

3. Eligible applicants will receive a confirmation email by Tuesday, February 7 at 5pm.

4. Spaces are assigned by random lottery. All students, regardless of class rank, are assigned the same size space. For 2017, spaces will be 5 feet wide, and may not exceed 9 feet in height (even if the wall height of your assigned space permits greater height). If needed, floor space must be requested as a display preference on the application; due to health and safety regulations, floor space is limited to a maximum depth of 3 feet.

5. Applicants may begin to set up their exhibit at 8:00am Friday, February 10, 2017. Installation must be complete by Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 5:00pm. The Gallery will be open from 9:00am-5:00pm on weekdays and on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 9:00am- 5:00pm. The gallery will be closed on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Work on installations after the deadline is not permitted. **Please note: if your assigned exhibition space is in the Emily Davis Gallery, you must comply with Gallery Hours.**

6. You must supply your own hammer, nails, thumb tacks, and push pins. Work should not hang more than 9' above the floor. Flat work need not be matted or
framed, but standards of professional presentation should be met. Matted work may be stacked against the wall at floor level. Installation plans should take into account the need to return all exhibition space to its original condition after the show.

7. **Students must select work to exhibit independent of counsel from faculty and staff.**

8. Applicants must exercise curatorial control over their exhibit and are expected to install and deinstall without significant assistance from others, unless a need exists due to a documented disability on file with the Office of Accessibility. Students are encouraged to assist one another for safety reasons (i.e., someone can hold a ladder) but may not delegate installation or deinstallation to another individual.

9. Participants will be given an identifying label by the Emily Davis Gallery, which must be visible within your exhibit space.

10. All work is exhibited at your own risk. The Myers School of Art and The University of Akron are not responsible for damaged or stolen work. Please take precautions in advance to create exhibition display cases or other structures which will protect your work.

11. Displays will be judged by all full-time members of the faculty between Wednesday, February 15 and Friday, February 17, 2017.

12. De-installation will take place between 4:00pm on Saturday, February 18 and 3:00pm, Monday, February 20, 2017. **Your work must be fully removed and walls returned to their original condition by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2017.** All nails, screws, tape, thumbtacks, etc. must be removed, and walls should be patched and repainted as necessary. Materials to patch and paint your exhibit space will be available from the Emily Davis Gallery. **Note: if your assigned exhibition space is within the Gallery, you must comply with Gallery Hours.** The gallery will be open Saturday, February 18 from 4-6pm and Sunday, February 19 from 11am- 4pm. **Students who fail to meet the deinstallation deadline or do not restore their exhibit space to its previous condition will forfeit any award won.**
NOTIFICATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF AWARDS:

Scholarship awards will be announced at the Student Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

Scholarships awarded in Spring 2017 will be available for the following school year (Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018). A declared art major must be enrolled full-time (including at least 6 credits of 7100 art coursework) to receive the award. The student may choose to apply the total award amount to one term or to split the amount between two semesters. The award may be applied toward summer tuition costs if the student enrolls full-time for the summer term. Students have one year from the award date to utilize the scholarship funding. Students enrolled prior to Summer 2014 are eligible to receive up to $10,500 in University-awarded scholarship money. Students who began studies at UA in or after Summer 2014 are eligible to receive up to $9,500 in total University-awarded scholarship money. All University-awarded scholarships are non-refundable.

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Receiving an endowed scholarship from the Myers School of Art is both an honor and a responsibility. Those who receive a scholarship agree to the following commitments:

1. You are required to submit a thank-you letter to the donor. Your thank-you letter must thoughtfully express your gratitude, and is required within two weeks of your notification of the award. It will be reviewed for its content and tone. Submit your thank-you letter by email to the Manager of Student Affairs (kat1@uakron.edu) before 12:00pm on Monday, May 17, 2017. Failure to submit the thank-you letter before the deadline may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

2. Recipients of all scholarships and grants administered by the Myers School of Art are expected to give back to the school by participating in school-sponsored events. Events can include high school visits, Portfolio Review Days, speaking to an Arts Orientation class about your award, and other events where a student’s voice and perspective are valued. Your participation will be coordinated by the Manager of Student Affairs, and by accepting this scholarship you agree to serve in at least three events over the next two semesters.
Studio Scholarship Competition Timeline

Friday, Friday 3, 12:00pm  
Application form due in Folk 103

Tuesday, February 7, 5:00pm  
Eligibility confirmed by email

Friday, February 10, 8:00am  
Students notified of space assignment/location by Emily Davis Gallery staff

Friday, February 10, 8:00am  
Installation begins

Saturday, February 11, 9:00am- 5:00pm  
EDG open for installation

Sunday, February 12, 9:00am-5:00pm  
EDG closed

Tuesday, February 14, 5:00pm  
Installation must be complete

February 15, 16 and 17  
Faculty Voting

Saturday, February 18, 12:00pm-3:00pm  
Portfolio Review Day and Myers School of Art Open House

Saturday, February 18, 4:00pm  
Deinstallation begins (EDG open until 6:00pm)

Sunday, February 19, 11:00am-4:00pm  
EDG open for deinstallation

Monday, Feb. 20, 3:00pm  
Deinstallation must be complete

Wednesday, May 3, 12:00pm  
Scholarship awards announced at Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 17, 12:00 pm  
Thank-you letters from recipients due
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is it true that I need straight A’s to be eligible for an award?
A: No, you will need a 3.2 (B+) in your 7100 art and art history courses and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Q: What if I miss the grade point average minimum by a few points?
A: This is a scholarship competition that awards excellence. The GPA minimums are not flexible.

Q: Are all majors eligible?
A: Only primary art majors are eligible.

Q: Technically, I need less than 12 credits to earn my degree, but I plan to take additional classes. Am I eligible?
A: No. But be happy that you are so close to graduation!

Q: Am I eligible if I receive other funding (such as loans, grants, etc.)?
A: Yes, although Financial Aid may subtract the Myers award from any other aid that you receive.

Q: Can a freshman really hope to win anything?
A: Yes, students are divided into three groups: underclassmen, Juniors and Seniors. This ensures that advanced students are judged separately from students in their first or second year of study.

Q: Why must I thank my donor?
A: It is proper etiquette, and it encourages the donor to continue to support students at the Myers School of Art.

Q: I have a few pieces already framed. Do I need to remove the frames?
A: No.

Q: Should my name be on the work?
A: Individual works do not need to be labelled, but all participants must display the name tag provided by the gallery within your exhibit space.

Q: What if I have a piece that is too large for the space (or some other need exists)?
A: Indicate a special need on your application, and talk to the gallery staff as soon as possible to see if they can accommodate your work.

Q: If I miss the deadline or find that I am ineligible, are other scholarships available this year?
A: Not through the Myers School of Art. Work to improve your GPA so that you will be eligible next year.

Please keep pages 1-6 for your reference. Hand in only the last page.
THE MYERS SCHOOL OF ART
STUDIO SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Home phone: (____) ______-_________   Cell phone: (____) ______-_________

Student ID#: ___________________________   Major: _________________________

UA e-mail address (not your personal email): ______________________________

ART GPA (7100) classes: ___________   Cumulative GPA (all UA classes): ___________

Anticipated Graduation Date/Term: ______________________________________

Number of 7100 credit hours you are enrolled in for Spring 2017: _____________

**RANK** is determined by the sum of 7100 credit hours completed at the Myers School of Art plus accepted transfer credits that have direct equivalency in the Myers School of Art.

Total number of rank credit hours: _______________

___This application is for a SENIOR scholarship (55 or more semester credit hours of art studio or art history)

___This application is for a JUNIOR scholarship (36-54 semester credit hours of art studio or art history)

___This application is for an UNDERCLASS scholarship (35 or fewer semester credit hours of art studio or art history; 17 or fewer credit hours indicates Freshman status)

Please indicate a **PREFERENCE** for display of work. All special needs must be indicated on this application; the gallery cannot accommodate last minute requests for special needs. Examples include: wall space, floor space, pedestal, table, wall outlet, etc. We will make every attempt to honor your needs, but cannot guarantee our ability to do so. Use the reverse of this form if you need additional writing space.

Signature: _____________________________   Date: _________________________

**Authorization for the Release of Information**: By signing this form, you grant the Myers School of Art permission to consult with offices and units on campus as needed to administer this scholarship, including the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the Office of Student Financial Aid.

**DEADLINE**: Friday, February 3, 2017 at 12 p.m.

Late submissions will NOT be accepted for any reason.