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Arts

2016 DCA COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION
DEADLINE

**APRIL 19
2016**



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Governing Board of the Downriver Council for the Arts has established this scholarship program to provide assistance and encouragement to high school graduates who are pursuing academic education in any arts genre (visual, music, dance, theatre, literature, film, graphic, etc.). The scholarship is open to 2016 graduating seniors who reside within the 21 DCA communities. Public, private and home-schooled students are eligible. *DCA Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, national origin or financial need.*

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$ 500.00
NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 3
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

All applicants **MUST** be:

1. A current graduating high school senior residing in one of the 21 DCA cities.
2. Pursuing an arts-related field (visual, music, dance, theatre, literature, film, graphic, etc.) through a recognized post-secondary educational institution.
3. Available for an interview by the DCA Scholarship Selection Committee, if necessary.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants **MUST** submit:

1. A fully completed DCA Scholarship Application.
2. A personal statement of goals that:
 - a. is written by the applicant.
 - b. is no longer than one typed page.
 - c. address the applicant's interest in the arts, reasons for applying and educational/career goals.
3. A digital copy (up to 3 in one discipline) of examples of their art (images for visual, CD for musical, video for theatre, DVD for film, maximum 1,000-word typed writing sample for literature).
4. A digital image of applicant (for promotional purposes).
5. Two sealed letters of recommendation (1 from a current teacher/instructor, 1 personal reference).
6. Transcript (unofficial copy acceptable) showing G.P.A.
7. All required information by the deadline date.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Download DCA Scholarship Overview and application at www.downriverarts.org.
2. Completed application and additional requirements must be received by the submission deadline.
Hand-deliver to:

DOWNRIVER COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS - Scholarship Selection Committee
James R. DeSana Center for Arts & Culture
81 Chestnut Street
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Hours: 9 AM – 5 PM, Tuesday through Saturday

3. No late or incomplete entries will be accepted.
4. No faxed or e-mailed applications or letters of recommendation will be accepted.
5. All applications will be reviewed by the DCA Scholarship Selection Committee.
6. Depending on the number of applicants, the DCA Scholarship Selection Committee may also require interviews of the finalists.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be scored competitively and awarded based on the following point system:

1. Accuracy and presentation of application (15 pts.)
2. Personal statement (up to 15 pts)
3. Letters of recommendations (up to 20 pts.)
4. Applicant's artwork or literature (up to 30 pts.)
5. Interview – if needed (up to 20 pts)

CONTACT PERSON

Tamara Trudelle
DCA Executive Director
734.720.0671
dc4arts@downriverarts.org

DISBURSEMENTS

All DCA Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the post secondary school of choice of the recipient. No funds will be distributed directly to a recipient.

Students selected must be present at one of the following for recognition prior to disbursements of funds:

1. School Board Meeting
2. City Council Meeting
3. Senior recognition day/night

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The student below is applying for the DCA Arts Scholarship. Your recommendation is very important in evaluating how the applicant's qualifications meet the goal of the program, which is to advocate and promote the arts. Please use this form and attach a one page, typed letter of recommendation. After you complete the recommendation, please enclose it in a sealed envelope with your signature over the flap and return it to the applicant before the deadline.

The deadline is April 19, 2016.

Name of the Applicant: _____

To be completed by the person providing recommendation:
One teacher and one personal recommendation should be provided per applicant.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Reference: _____ Teacher _____ Personal

Mailing Address(if personal reference): _____

School Name and Address Address (if teacher reference): _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

If teacher please fill out the following:

Does this student:

	Yes	No	Outstanding
• work independently?	_____	_____	_____
• utilize expression in the arts?	_____	_____	_____
• risk new artistic approaches?	_____	_____	_____
• follow through on guidelines?	_____	_____	_____
• cooperate with peers?	_____	_____	_____
• complete artistic projects?	_____	_____	_____
• enjoy art?	_____	_____	_____
• demonstrates a seriousness toward art projects?	_____	_____	_____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please provide a one page, typed reference that includes any aspects of the applicant's artistic background, experiences, community involvement, etc. that you feel will help the DCA Scholarship Selection Committee evaluate this applicant.

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Please PRINT, sign and include this printed form with your application packet to be hand delivered to the Downriver Council for the Arts. **The deadline is April 19, 2016.**

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of the Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Primary Parent or Guardian contact: _____

Address (if different from Applicant): _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

APPLICANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Primary Parent or Guardian contact: _____

High School: _____

(If home schooled, please indicated "Home Schooled" and provide contact information for diploma certification.)

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Post Secondary Institution or School: _____

Intended Major: _____

APPLICANT CHECKLIST *(PLEASE see scholarship "Overview" for a more complete description of items)*

- ____ Completed and signed application form
- ____ One-page personal statement of goals
- ____ Two sealed letters of recommendations (1 from a current teacher/instructor, 1 personal reference)
- ____ High school transcript (unofficial copy acceptable) showing GPA
- ____ Digital image of applicant (for promotional purposes)
- ____ Up to three (3) examples of applicants artwork or literature - digital images and/or copies. DO NOT INCLUDE ORIGINALS.

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information contained in this application, including the additional checklist items, is true and correct and become the property of the DCA upon submission. In addition, I understand that my name, digital image and/or images that I have included as part of my application submission may be used by the DCA for promotional or educational purposes. I further acknowledge that decisions of the DCA Scholarship Selection Committee are final.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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