



Visual Arts Scholarship Application 2026

Application Process

Purpose: The purpose of the Waterway Art Association (WAA) Visual Arts Scholarship is to assist deserving students seeking to pursue higher education and/or vocational studies beyond secondary education. The program will accept Brunswick County and Horry County Schools' student applicants from any social, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds who are interested in educational opportunities embracing the visual arts for a scholarship that will empower those recipients to become informed and educated contributors to society.

Funding: The WAA Scholarship Committee will select finalists to determine the recipient of the \$1,000.00 Scholarship. The Waterway Art & any necessary additional funding required will fund the Scholarship.

Scholarship Committee Obligations:

- The Committee will distribute scholarship instructions and applications to all Brunswick County and Horry County High Schools, as well as make available materials online at <https://www.waterwayart.org/> (TBD)
- Committee Members (3 or 5) will review the scholarship application materials of all applicants submitted by the deadline. All information received by the Committee will be considered confidential.
- All required documentation will be considered. A Rubric methodology will be used to judge the quality of the applications.
- 4 = Superior; 3 = Good; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Fair; 0 = Unsatisfactory:
 - Participation in the Fine Arts in High School &/or Art Classes (Clubs, Groups)
 - Evaluation of Portfolio (3 pieces) •
 - Enrolled/ in a Fine Arts major or minor in college/university
 - Two Letters of Recommendation
 - Grade Point Average
 - Other Extra-curricular activities or community service
 - College/University acceptance letter
- After the review process, the Committee will select the finalists and the ultimate Scholarship Recipient/Winner(s). A Runner Up Recipient will be selected in case the Recipient does not attend/enroll in a College or University in accordance with their acceptance letter. The decision of the Committee will be final.

Announcement/Notification of Scholarship Recipient will be made by May 29th 2026, to the High Schools and the Student Recipient(s).
- The Committee reserves the right to publish: the applicants' names, applicants' high schools attended, and the intended college or university of the Scholarship Recipient/Winner(s).
- The Committee also reserves the right to publish an image of the applicants' portfolio submission (reduced in pixels) on our website at WaterwayArt.org & our Waterway Art Association Facebook

and Instagram sites for purposes of announcing recipients and promoting the Visual Arts Scholarship.

Application Requirements:

- Graduating high school senior from Brunswick County Schools, NC or Horry County Schools, SC.
- Acceptance as an entering full-time student to a college or university, junior/community college.
- Fine Arts experience in school and/or the community, and acceptance into a major or minor in an arts area from the institution of higher learning.

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- All information required must be submitted via Email: waascholar14@gmail.com.
- Images of the portfolio in **JPG format**.
- Complete the application form, including personal information, parent(s)/guardian's information.
- Submit a Personal Narrative addressing your passion in the visual arts, educational, and career goals.
- Submit a copy of the Letter of Acceptance as an accepted full-time student to a college, junior community college or university.
- Submit two Letters of Reference: 1. from an unrelated adult (for example, from individuals who know you well and can provide specific examples of your character, skills, and achievements, such as teachers, professors, employers, coaches, or community leaders)
- identifying the applicant's demonstrated motivation for self-improvement, and other relevant attributes; and 2. from a Fine Arts teacher, identifying the applicant's successful experiences & commitment to the arts.

Portfolio Requirement:

3 Digital Images of the student's artwork. Conforming to the following:

- Submitted in **JPEG format**. Artwork only - no frames or mat showing.
- Maximum file size of **2MB**. (About 10 x 10 inches or thereabouts at 100dpi)
- Label using the following format: **LastNameFirstNameSequenceNumber.jpg** (For example, if your name is Jean Brown, the first image name should be BrownJean_1.jpg and BrownJean_2.jpeg for your second entry.)
- Submit a listing of the applicant's accomplishments (Applicant's name and high school clearly identified on document), such as: awards; honors; participation in competitions; exhibits; leadership roles or offices held in clubs or organizations; other activities. such as volunteer work, tutoring or mentoring; Scouting experience; or possible church/synagogue work.
- Submit an Official high school academic transcript.

Scholarship Recipient Requirements:

- Provide **Letter of Acceptance**.
- **Student ID#** to the College or University for the purpose of proper crediting of Scholarship money. The check will be made payable to the College or University.
- Complete **contact information for the Financial Aid Department of the college** or University. Updated contact information for the Student recipient & Parent/Guardian.