



Stepping Up For Arts Scholarship Application

\$2,000.00

The *Artisans of St. James (DBA) Stepping Up for Arts* is a 501(c) 3 that was established to encourage the continued development of each artist's skills, to network, teach and share knowledge, and to raise funds for the promotion of art and /or art appreciation in Brunswick County.

QUALIFICATIONS

This scholarship is made available to a high school senior of the Brunswick County School System in North Carolina, who

- ✚ intends to enroll full time in a two- or four-year college program and,
 - ✚ intends to pursue the study of the arts (Visual Arts, Music, Theater, Vocal or Dance) at a college offering a fine arts program.
 - ✚ **NOTE: The applicant does NOT have to major in the arts.**
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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The deadline for submission of this application is [April 10, 2026](#).

All completed applications should be sent to: **Stepping Up For Arts**, 4123 S. Lagoon Court, Southport, NC 28461. **If possible, PLEASE SEND ELECTRONICALLY TO Karin@elias-assoc.com** Please include:

- + the completed Application Form
- + a copy of your scholastic transcripts
- + two (2) reference letters
- + a portfolio that includes
 - o quality photographs of at least two (2) different examples of your art work with explanation of same, or, for the performing arts, a CD, video, or tape demonstrating your talent.

The **Selection Committee** may request an interview with the applicant if it seems necessary. Notification of the award will be made by May 31, 2025, unless otherwise advised. Stepping Up For Arts will select winners based solely on merit. This organization does not discriminate by age, religion, gender, nationality, race, and/or sexual orientation. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.

Information noted on the application may be verified by the Scholarship Committee.

Payment will be disbursed directly to the student's college. Scholarship monies must be used by February 1 of the year following the award. In the event funds are available, but no recipient is awarded a scholarship, the funds will be held over to become part of the following year's awards.

All scholarship winners' consent to have their personal photos and those of their work taken and used for publicity purposes in support of **Stepping Up For Arts**. They may be asked to attend fundraising events, if they are available at that time.



Date of Application:	Date of Birth:
Name:	Address:
Home Phone #:	Cell Phone #:
E-Mail Address:	Expected High School Graduation Date:

I am applying for the Stepping Up For Arts Scholarship: _____ (\$2,000)

I am applying for the Donna Davis Memorial Scholarship _____ (\$2,500) **(Please feel free to add any additional sheets to your application.)**

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

ADDRESS:

Have you been accepted? _____ Note your College Student ID # here: _____ (if known)

Planned major _____

Do you plan to pursue the study of the arts, and if so, in what capacity?



If you are not majoring in an art form, please describe how you will continue to pursue or study your art.



GOALS

What are your goals?

How will this award help you to achieve them?

ART WORK

What art form do you pursue? How did you come to study this art form?

How long have you been practicing this art form?

Who has had the greatest influence on your decision to study this art form? Explain.

What has been the impact of your art on your life?

COLLEGE WORK COMPLETED, IF ANY



SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

WORK EXPERIENCE

2 LETTERS OF REFERENCE must be included with this application.

a) **A teacher or instructor in any subject area:**

Name _____

Address _____

Evening Phone # _____

b) **An adult who knows about your artistic ability (does not have to be an art teacher):**

Name _____

Address _____

Evening Phone # _____



By signing this application for the Stepping Up For Arts Scholarship, the candidate and their parents understand that:

- ✚ The committee may request an interview with the applicant if it seems necessary.
- ✚ Information noted on the application may be verified by the Scholarship Committee.
- ✚ Notification of the award will be made at the High School Senior Awards Ceremony, unless otherwise advised. The decision of the Selection Committee is final.
- ✚ Payment will be disbursed directly to the student's college. The students must provide their student ID number.
- ✚ Scholarship monies must be used by February 1 of the year following the award.
- ✚ In the event funds are available, but no recipient is awarded a scholarship, the funds will be held over to become part of the following year's awards.
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Applicant's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

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Updated 08/11/2025