MYERS School of Art
2024 STUDIO SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The University of Akron

PURPOSE OF AWARD:

The Myers School of Art Studio Scholarship exists to provide students with 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 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 in **late Spring 2024** (date TBD).

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 (formerly 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 2024 Subject number: ART (formerly 7100).
- have completed at least 6 credits of art studio/art history at the Myers School of Art during Fall 2023.

INELIGIBLE ARE STUDENTS:

- in graduate school
- with an outstanding Incomplete grade in any course
- with only an art minor
- with a primary major other than art
- who have met the scholarship cap (set by The University of Akron Office of Student Financial Aid)
- who need fewer than 12 credits to earn their first and primary Myers degree (unmet credits for Minors and Second Majors shall not apply in this calculation); and/or
- who are not in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

PROCEDURES:

1. Complete the application form. **Forms are due Wednesday, January 24, 2024, by 12 noon by email to sofia@uakron.edu**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
2. You must report your cumulative ART (formerly 7100) GPA in order to assess your eligibility. You may find this on your Degree Progress Report (DPR), which is accessed through MyAkron. If you have questions, please contact the Office of the University Registrar (330-972-8300) for help. You must submit a PDF of your DPR, **OR** screenshots of the portion of the DPR that shows the cumulative and Art GPA. **Attach your DPR along with your application**.
3. You must **report all UA Scholarship you have recieved this year**, including if you have reached the scholarship cap. Myers School of Art and The University of Akron strive to address the financial needs of as many students as possible. By setting a per-student scholarship maximum, or scholarship cap, we are able to help more students achieve their goals by distributing scholarships broadly to a greater number of students.
4. Spaces are assigned by random lottery. All students, regardless of class rank, are assigned the same size space. **Spaces may not exceed 9 feet in height** (even if the wall height of your assigned space permits greater height). Width will be determined based on number of applicants and will be taped off for you. 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 **Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8:30 am**. Installation must be complete by **Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm**. The Gallery will be open from **8:30 am–5:00 pm** on **Friday, January 26 ONLY**. If you need tools to install your work over the weekend, you must sign it out from the gallery **prior to 5 pm Friday** and return it promptly on Monday. ***Work on installations after the deadline is not permitted***.
6. You must supply your own screws, nails, thumb tacks, push pins and other hanging apparatus. You may borrow a hammer or a drill; ask gallery assistants for the tools & properly sign-out & return. 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 displays cases or other structures which will protect your work.
11. Displays will be judged by all full-time members of the faculty between **Monday, January 29** and **Tuesday, January 30, 2024**.
12. De-installation will take place between **8:30 am Wednesday, January 31** and **4:00 pm Friday, February 2, 2024**. ***Your work must be fully removed and walls returned to their original condition by 4:00 pm Friday, February 2***. 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. If you have not patched before, gallery assistants will teach you. Please ask so we can keep our walls nice. **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 Myers Awards Ceremony which will take place during the later part of the Spring 2024 semester (final date TBD).

Scholarships awarded in Spring 2024 will be available for the following school year (Fall 2024 / Spring 2025). A declared art major must be enrolled full-time, including at least 6 credits of ART (formerly 7100) art coursework, to receive the award.

The student may choose to apply the total award amount to one term, but the default will be to split the amount between two semesters. The award may only 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.**

PLEASE NOTE: Students are eligible to receive up to $11,880 in University-awarded scholarship money. This scholarship cap is set with the goal of awarding as many students scholarship as possible. *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 digital thank-you letter by email to The Manager of Student Affairs, Sofia Calderwood **sofia@uakron.edu before 12:00 NOON on Friday, May 12, 2024**. *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 Recruitment and Retention Committee, and by accepting this scholarship you agree to serve in at least three events over the next two semesters.

STUDIO SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION TIMELINE

Wednesday, January 24, 12:00 noon Application form **due via email to sofia@uakron.edu**

Friday, January 26, 8:30 am	Space assignment/location posted by Emily Davis Gallery, Installation begins
Sunday, January 28, 5:00 pm	Installation must be complete
January 29–30	Faculty Voting
Wednesday, January 31, 8:30 am	Deinstallation begins
Friday, February 2, 4:00 pm	Deinstallation must be complete
Late Spring 2024	Scholarship awards announced at Myers Awards Ceremony
Friday, May 12, 12:00 noon	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 in your ART (7100) art / 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. Minimums GPA 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 congratulations on being 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. Cash prizes are awarded for the annual **Juried Student Exhibition**, ask the gallery for details about this opportunity. Also consider applying for the Dashiell Travel or Tools and Materials grants, as they are not tied to Scholarship Caps (but do have specific eligibility requirements).

Additional questions should be directed to:
chair of the Scholarship and Grants Committee

PLEASE KEEP PAGES 1–4 FOR YOUR REFERENCE.
SUBMIT ONLY THE LAST 2 PAGES (PAGES 5 & 6).

APPLICATION FOR THE MYERS SCHOOL OF ART STUDIO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

You must submit a PDF of your DPR along with the application form.

Name: _____

Home phone: (_____) _____–_____ Cell phone: (_____) _____–_____

Student ID#: _____ Major: _____

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

Instagram Handle (Art/Professional Account): _____

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

Anticipated Graduation Date/Term: _____

Number of ART(7100) credit hours you are enrolled in for **Spring 2024**: _____

RANK is determined by the sum of ART (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)

UA SCHOLARSHIP DISCLOSURE

Total scholarship accepted for 23-24 Academic Year: $_____

Please check or list UA scholarships you have accepted for the 2023-2024 academic year, including any awards you may have won from Myers School of Art last May:

☐ **HONORS** scholarship

☐ **AKRON GUARANTEE** scholarship

☐ **INNOVATION GENERATION** scholarship

☐ **OTHER AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS** scholarship

☐ **TUITION** remission

PLEASE LIST OTHERS: _____

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DISPLAY PREFERENCES

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.

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COMMON REQUESTS:

☐ **WALL OUTLET / ELECTRICITY**

☐ **PEDESTAL** preferred dimensions: _____

☐ **FLOOR SPACE** preferred dimensions: _____

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: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 AT 12 PM
submit via email to sofia@uakron.edu

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON.