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## **GUALALA ARTS YOUNG ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIPS 2026**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 24, 2026

Scholarships are available to graduating seniors who live in the region served by Gualala Arts, from Fort Ross to Elk. Students who are active in the arts and plan to continue their studies in art or design are encouraged to apply. Art and design are defined broadly and may include **painting, drawing, sculpture, music, ceramics, jewelry, theater, dance, writing, film, photography, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, fashion design, and other related fields.**

In past years, scholarships from \$500 to \$3,000 have been awarded to select students pursuing careers in the arts.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- **Graduating high school senior**
- **Resident of Gualala Arts Center region (from Fort Ross to Elk)**
- **Strong motivation, demonstrated abilities and interest in art/design**
- **Commitment to enroll in an appropriate school, college or university for art or design studies**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please use our fillable pdf application that can be accessed at <http://gualalaarts.org/about-gualala-arts/young-artists-scholarships/> or if that is not available, fill out the form on the reverse of this page and attach the necessary documents. Please organize your responses in the order in which the questions are given. Submit your COMPLETED application to:

Gualala Arts Young Artists Annual Scholarship Committee  
c/o Kendra Stillman, Gualala Arts Office Manager at [Info@GualalaArts.org](mailto:Info@GualalaArts.org)

Your application must be typed, concise, focused, and complete to be considered. Please be aware that the Scholarship Committee will want to see clear evidence of your commitment to a career in art or design as indicated by your choice of institution(s) for further study and the courses or program in which you will enroll. If you are a finalist, the Gualala Arts Scholarship Committee will interview you at a time and place to be arranged in May. If you are selected as a finalist, be prepared to bring to your portfolio, or other suitable examples of your work. Awards will be announced by the end of May.

Remember: concise, focused, and complete, in type. If you have questions or need help, contact Kendra Stillman at 707.884.1138 or [KendraGualalaArts@gmail.com](mailto:KendraGualalaArts@gmail.com)

### **PAYMENT POLICY**

Gualala Arts Young Artists Scholarships are for two out of four consecutive academic terms, commencing with the term following High School graduation, payable in two equal payments upon submission to Gualala Arts by the scholarship recipient of evidence of registration and enrollment in classes, courses, or programs in the recipient's field, or fields of art.

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**DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS is Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Art or Design you intend to pursue \_\_\_\_\_

Your art and design work and studies:

In what field or fields of art or design are you active? \_\_\_\_\_

List art-related classes, activities, events you have participated in, and any accomplishments or awards or recognitions you have garnered (you can type on a separate sheet if you need more room):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any program, workshop, summer courses, mentoring or experiences you have undertaken in addition to your high school curriculum: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Essay (please include the following):

- Tell about your goals and plans for study: where you plan to enroll, what courses or programs you will take.
- Describe the kind of career in art or design to which you aspire.
- Tell us how you will use the scholarship money.

Required Attachments:

- **High school transcript**
- **At least two letters of recommendation** from people who can speak to your interests, abilities, performance, and prospects
- **Application Essay.**

Anything that can be conveniently included in your application to show what you do (such as photographs, reproductions, or videos) would be helpful. **An incomplete application will result in ineligibility for the scholarship.**

Inquiries may be directed to Kendra Stillman, Gualala Arts at [KendraGualalaArts@Gmail.com](mailto:KendraGualalaArts@Gmail.com)