

Eligible Applicants:

Graduating high school seniors who are residents of Martinsville or Henry County or who attend schools located in Martinsville or Henry County are eligible to apply for scholarships for study in the visual or performing arts.

Each applicant must have auditioned for and been accepted into a visual or performing arts program from an accredited four-year institution.

About the Award:

Scholarships are available to eligible applicants who plan to pursue a degree in the arts. Awards are nonrenewable and payable directly to educational institutions upon notification of enrollment by the recipients. Scholarships of up to \$1000 are available for 2025 award recipients. Members of the Piedmont Arts Scholarship Committee determine the number and amount of awards based on their evaluations of the applicants' interviews, portfolios/auditions, and required application information.

To Apply

Application Form: Complete the form provided in this brochure, or online at piedmontarts.org.

Letter of Acceptance: Each applicant must provide a copy of a letter of acceptance for a visual or performing arts program from an accredited four-year institution with the application or before the date of the personal interview.

Personal Statement: The applicant must submit a one-page statement of his or her goals in the arts and the specific purpose for which the scholarship will be used.

Transcripts: Applicants must submit an official

high school transcript. Students who are homeschooled may substitute an equivalent document submitted in college applications.

Recommendations: Each application must include two recommendations – one from a visual or performing arts teacher as appropriate and one from the student's high school counselor or principal. Students who are homeschooled may substitute an equivalent recommendation submitted with college applications.

Personal Interview & Audition:

Applicants will be asked to attend a personal interview/audition with the Scholarship Committee **Wednesday, May 13, 2026.** If selected, you will be contacted to arrange a specific interview time.

The personal interview is an important part of the selection process and students are encouraged to sharpen their interviewing skills prior to meeting with the committee.

Following the interview, visual arts applicants will be asked to present no more than five examples of their artwork. Performing arts applicants will be asked to demonstrate their abilities with a performance piece of no more than five minutes in length.

Deadlines:

Completed applications are due to Piedmont Arts **by 5 pm on Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

Questions:

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Application: (detach/return)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

High School Attended _____

Year of Graduation _____

Scholarship Application for: (Check one)

_____ Visual Arts

_____ Performing Arts

Will your undergraduate study depend on financial assistance? Yes No

APPLICATIONS MUST ARRIVE AT PIEDMONT ARTS BY 5:00 PM ON APRIL 30, 2025 TO BE CONSIDERED

Application Checklist:

_____ Application Form

_____ Letter of Acceptance (into the Visual or Performing Arts Program, not to the institution)

_____ Personal Statement

_____ Official Transcript (or equivalent)

_____ Recommendation (Teacher)

_____ Recommendation (Counselor or Principal)

Piedmont Arts

Dear Prospective Applicant,

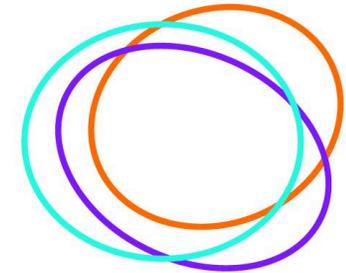
Piedmont Arts is pleased to offer college scholarships to eligible qualified students entering college for the first time in the fall. These awards are funded annually by Piedmont Arts through the Nicodemus Hufford Memorial Scholarship Fund to promote higher education studies in the arts and are non-renewable. We look forward to receiving your application this year.

- Piedmont Arts
Scholarship Committee

Martinsville's premier art museum and educational outreach center has offered art scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Martinsville and Henry County since 1987, and in that time seventy-one students have received Nicodemus Hufford scholarships for study at accredited colleges and universities. Many of these students now have successful careers in education, performing and visual arts, and other related fields.

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2026

**Nicodemus D. Hufford
Memorial Arts
Scholarship**

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