

Eligible Applicants:

Rising college sophomores, juniors or seniors who graduated from a high school in Martinsville or Henry County are eligible to apply for this scholarship for study in the visual or performing arts. **Each applicant must be a candidate for a degree in the visual or performing arts from an accredited four-year institution.**

About the Award:

Scholarships are available to eligible rising sophomore, junior or senior college students who are currently pursuing a degree in the arts. Awards are nonrenewable and are payable directly to educational institutions upon notification of enrollment by the recipients. Previous recipients are eligible to apply, but must submit a new portfolio or audition material. Scholarships of up to \$2,500 are available. Members of the Piedmont Arts Scholarship Committee determine the number and amount of awards based on their evaluations of the applicants' auditions, transcripts, personal statements, and letters of recommendation.

To Apply

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

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

Transcript: Each applicant must provide a transcript from an accredited four-year institution showing earned credits toward the desired degree in visual or performing arts.

Recommendations: Each applicant must include two recommendations – one from a visual or performing arts instructor as appropriate and one from the college’s department head or dean.

Portfolio or Audition:

Applicants are required to personally interview and audition for the committee. Visual arts applicants are asked to present five examples of their artwork. Performing arts applicants are asked to demonstrate their abilities with a performance piece/s of no more than five minutes in length. The audition date is **Wednesday, May 13, 2026** beginning at 4:00 pm at Piedmont Arts. If selected, you will be contacted to arrange a specific interview time.

This is an important part of the selection process and students are strongly encouraged to discuss audition/portfolio choices with their advisor or instructors.

Deadlines:

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

Piedmont Arts
215 Starling Avenue
Martinsville, VA 24112

Questions:

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Application Form: (detach/return)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

College or University _____

Address _____

Classification:

_____ Rising Sophomore

_____ Rising Junior

_____ Rising Senior

Local High School Attended _____

Scholarship Application for: (Check one)

_____ Visual Arts

_____ Performing Arts

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Application Checklist:

_____ Application Form

_____ Personal Statement

_____ Official Transcript

_____ Recommendation (Instructor)

_____ Recommendation (Dean or department head)

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Piedmont Arts is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to eligible rising college sophomores, juniors or seniors.

These awards are funded annually through the Harold Knowlton Work Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by his wife to continue higher education studies in the visual and performing arts.

Julia Ascough Work and her husband Harold Knowlton Work shared a lifelong passion and respect for education and the arts. This generous Memorial Scholarship will ensure that their legacy of learning and imagination lives on by supporting the artists of future generations.

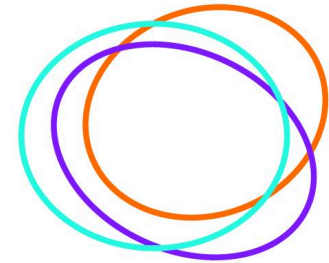
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Scholarship Committee

Piedmont Arts

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 through the Hufford Memorial Scholarship. In 2008 the Work Memorial Scholarship was established for college students who are pursuing a degree in the arts.

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2026

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Memorial Scholarship**

**For rising college sophomores,
juniors, and seniors who are
degree candidates in the visual or
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