

Desiree Mesolella Art Scholarship 2021

4 Fox Place Providence, RI 02903

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Two \$5000.00 Scholarships Awarded Annually

Applicant shall be a RI resident attending a RI high school, a U.S. citizen, and have applied to and been accepted into a U.S. Department of Education accredited 4 year college or school majoring in a visual arts field. Approved areas of study include:

- Photographic Studies
 - Fashion Design
 - Industrial Design
 - Fine Visual Arts
 - Graphic Design
 - Art Education
 - Animation
 - Commercial Arts
 - Textile Design
 - Studio Arts
- Applicant shall submit a completed application and portfolio of no fewer than 6 works for review by panel. USB flash drive preferred format. All materials should be labeled with artist's name. A catalog sheet including thumbnail images, the title of each piece (if any), media, dimensions, and year completed must be included. Portfolio artwork may include drawings, paintings, photography, ceramics, digital works, mixed media, printmaking, sculptures, et cetera.
 - Applicant shall submit a written Artist's Statement of Commitment to art, listing any art related activities or awards received, and any exhibits or festivals participated in. The statement should explain what motivates you as an aspiring artist, a description of artists and/or work that you admire, and your academic and artistic goals. Your statement should be no more than one page in length (double spaced, 11 point font).
 - Applicant shall submit a letter of recommendation from an art teacher, commenting on the student's art ability, creativity, technical skill, commitment, and potential for successfully completing the academic requirements for a bachelor's degree in Art. Reference letters should be current and signed by the individuals who wrote them.

Application and materials are to be submitted no later than 12 PM April 23, 2021. Notification will take place prior to June 30th. For return of materials, a **sufficiently** stamped and self-addressed padded envelope for the return of USB flash drives and other materials must be included.

Mail completed application, Artist's Statement, official grade transcripts, letter of reference, catalogue sheet thumb drive/portfolio images (and large stamped and self-addressed envelope if you require the return of USB flash drive) to: Desiree Mesolella Art Scholarships, 4 Fox Place, Providence, RI 02903. Materials **must be received by 12 pm on April 23, 2021**. Materials will be returned in June if a SASE has been provided.

The annual allocation is \$1250.00 per student per year (if the student's recorded major for each Fall semester is stated as one of the areas of art listed above and a GPA of 3.0 is maintained). The scholarship spans a total of 4 years, if a minimum 3.0 GPA in the student's art concentration and full-time enrollment are maintained. Student is responsible for notifying the scholarship organization of any change of address. The total scholarship amount per student is limited to \$5000.00.

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APPLICATION (Please PRINT legibly)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Permanent Address _____

RI High School _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

College(s) of acceptance _____

Intended major/Field of Study _____

Applicant shall submit the following information:

CHECKLIST (Submission deadline 12 PM on April 23, 2021):

- _____ 1) This completed application form
- _____ 2) One-page (double-spaced, 11 point font) Artist's Statement of Commitment
- _____ 3) 6 image (minimum) portfolio (USB flash drive) labeled with student name
- _____ 4) Catalog sheet that includes thumbnail images and description of each piece of work media (i.e. ink, watercolor, photography)
- _____ 5) Teacher recommendation letter with signature
- _____ 6) Official High School Transcript
- _____ 7) **OPTIONAL:** Self-addressed, stamped return envelope for thumb drive, if you would like it returned.

Please use precaution when packaging and labeling application materials. Scholarship organization is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

I give my permission for the Scholarship Committee to review my high school transcript. I authorize use of my photo or photos of my artwork for future promotion of the Desiree Mesolella Memorial Art Scholarship. I verify that all works I have submitted in my portfolio are original and created by me.

Award money is to be used solely as tuition reimbursement or for supplies/books for awarded students' education in an art field or approved major. In order to receive the scholarship, the awarded student must attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited **4-year college** during the fall semester following their entry and maintain a GPA of 3.0 in the chosen/approved field of art/major. Funds will be awarded directly to the student at the end of each fall semester upon presentation of an official transcript verifying 3.0 GPA and stating visual art field as student's major. Transcripts and applications must be mailed to: Desiree Mesolella Art Scholarships, 4 Fox Place, Providence, RI 02903. Funds will be awarded as \$1250.00 per year for a four year period equaling \$5000.00 in total.

Limitation of Liability:

The Desiree Mesolella Memorial Art Scholarship organization is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, technical error, or human error which may occur in the processing of entries and submissions. The Desiree Mesolella Memorial Art Scholarship organization assumes no responsibility for any USPS lost entries, error, omission, interruption, deletion, or defect of entries. The decisions of the selection committee are final.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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