



**ROBERT B
McMILLEN
FOUNDATION**

2010-11 Scholarship Application

Robert B McMillen Foundation

Art Scholarship Application for Academic Year 2010-11
Deadline: Application must be RECEIVED by 5:00 pm May 7, 2010.

Please send this original application and items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Required Additional Information to The Robert B McMillen Foundation. Please send a copy of the financial aid worksheet, along with the release form to your college of choice. Each institution must send the completed Financial Aid Worksheet to The Robert B McMillen Foundation. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the college of their choice gets the financial aid worksheet to The Robert B McMillen Foundation by the deadline.

Selection will be made without regard to the applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, religious belief, sex, marital status or physical handicap, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments, and with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Robert B McMillen Foundation scholarships are available to any student wishing to attend a college or university found on The Robert B McMillen Foundation's approved list (<http://www.mcmillenfoundation.org/art/colleges.htm>), and pursue a career in one of the areas of Visual Arts specified below.

Name: _____

Primary E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Alt. Phone (_____) _____

Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

(This information is required when speaking to the colleges about students. All information is completely confidential.)

High School(s) Attended _____

Graduate Year/GED obtained _____ Cumulative GPA _____

College(s) Attended _____

Degree Earned? Yes No If Yes, list degree _____

Extra-Curricular Activities _____

College Choice (choose one):

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ Art Institute of Seattle | _____ University of Alaska Fairbanks |
| _____ Cornish College of the Arts | _____ University of Puget Sound |
| _____ Digipen Institute of Technology | _____ Walla Walla University |
| _____ Gonzaga University | _____ Western Washington University |
| _____ Northwest College of Art | _____ Whitman College |
| _____ Seattle Pacific University | _____ Whitworth University |

Don't see your school on the list?

The above list represents schools that have been fully approved by the Foundation. We are aware that many schools, including community colleges and technical schools, offer degrees and/or certification in visual art. Too many, in fact, to include each one on our list of approved colleges.

However, if a student's artwork is strong enough and they agree to take on the administrative portion of their scholarship, if awarded, they may apply for a scholarship under the college or technical school they are currently attending as long as the school and its art program are approved. The following are the minimum requirements that must be met: 1) The school must be located in the state of Washington or Alaska, 2) The school must offer a degree or certification in visual art, and 3) The school must issue grades so that a GPA can be calculated.

If you wish to apply, and your school does not appear on the above list, we recommend that you contact the Foundation to get your school and the art program pre-approved before completing this application.

Complete only if your school is not listed on this application;

Name of School: _____

I, _____ understand that _____
(name) (Name of School)

("School") is not on the Robert B. McMillen Foundation's ("Foundation") approved college list. Therefore, if awarded a scholarship, I agree to personally act as liaison between the School and the Foundation and to provide the Foundation with any and all documents each academic period, including, but not limited to, transcripts and tuition statements, so that the Foundation may remit payment for my tuition each academic period that I am enrolled.

Additionally, I understand that the Foundation is not responsible for missed deadlines and/or any problems arising from non-tuition payments as a result of not having remitted paperwork to the Foundation on time each academic period.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Career Choice (choose one):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animation | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalsmithing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Printmaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illustration | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Fine Art (aka Gallery Artist) |

Level of Education Desired: (choose one):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Fine Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Fine Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Applied Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Master of Fine Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts, _____ Major
(fill in specific art emphasis) |

Required Additional Information:

1. Your **Original** Essay (See guidelines)
2. Your official certified high school (grades 9-12) transcript.
 - **College students please note:** If you have been in college for two or more years, college transcripts alone will suffice; if you have been in college less than two years, please provide both your official high school transcript and your most recent official college transcript. Applications that do not include two years of grades will receive a zero in merit category.
3. Financial Aid Worksheet (sent to, and to be completed by each College or University)
4. 8 examples of artwork in .jpg format or .avi if you are an animator on CD. (See guidelines)
5. A copy of acceptance letter to school of student's choice (if acceptance has occurred). If student is applying for scholarship before acceptance has been acknowledged, please indicate below when application materials were submitted. **Note:** Application to college must occur before submitting this application for scholarship.

Acceptance has not occurred yet – application materials submitted on:

Date: _____

Please read carefully;

I certify that this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I understand that the essay I have submitted for consideration of The Robert B McMillen Art Scholarship becomes the property of The Robert B McMillen Foundation. I understand that no materials will be returned, under any circumstances.

Furthermore, if selected as a second-round candidate, I understand that I will be expected to attend an in person interview conducted at the Foundation office located in Issaquah, Washington.

Signature_____

Parent's Signature, if under 18_____

Date_____

I authorize the school of my choice to release acceptance information in order to complete this application as well as release financial information needed to complete my financial aid worksheet. I understand all of this information will be kept confidential.

Signature_____

Parent's Signature, if under 18_____

Date_____

How did you hear about this scholarship?

- Career/School Counselor
- Art Teacher
- Website/Internet _____
- Other _____

Guidelines

Robert B McMillen Foundation Scholarships

For the school year beginning in the fall of 2010, The Robert B McMillen Foundation will have its annual scholarship competition for students entering or attending institutions of higher education in the states of Washington and Alaska and majoring in the area of Visual Arts. Renewals will continue to be awarded according to performance.

1. A student's eligibility for a scholarship is based on the student's intent to seek a degree or certification at an accredited institution of higher education within the states of Washington and/or Alaska in the area of Visual Arts. Such institution must be approved by The Robert B McMillen Foundation. For more information visit:
<http://www.mcmillenfoundation.org/art/colleges.htm>
2. The Robert B McMillen Foundation Art Scholarships are for full tuition, after all other scholarships and grants, to the school of the student's choice within The Robert B McMillen Foundation Approved College List; plus \$2,000 to be used toward the purchase of art supplies. All expenditures will be tracked in detail. Scholarship funds designated for tuition must be used for tuition. Overages can not be given to the student (such as in the case of multiple scholarships). Scholarship funds designated for supplies must be used for supplies directly relating to the student's course of education.
3. Applicants must submit the Financial Aid Worksheet to the college of their choice. Eligibility for a scholarship is partially based upon demonstrated financial need as determined by using the Department of Education Federal Methodology formula as calculated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Using the information provided by the FAFSA, each institution will fill out the Financial Aid Worksheet on the student's behalf. We encourage the student to **complete their FAFSA early** and follow up with their school of choice in making sure their Financial Aid Worksheet is completed by the school by the deadline. **NOTE: It is recommended that this worksheet be given to the financial aid department of the college AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE. Do not wait until the last minute to get this worksheet to your college as it creates an undue workload on the college financial staff. Any worksheets given to the colleges April 30th or later will not be considered. Worksheets turned in April 30th or later, or worksheets where the student has not completed the most recent FAFSA, will receive a zero in the financial need area which amounts to 15% of your score.**
4. Those applying for scholarships should be able to demonstrate outstanding performance in the areas of visual art.

5. Recipients of scholarships are selected on the basis of all factors which the Foundation considers relevant, without regard to race, sex, color, ethnic origin, religious belief, marital status, sexual preference or physical handicap.
6. Application forms are available online early in the fall. Hard copies will be furnished to those who submit requests to The Robert B McMillen Foundation, P O Box 1523, Issaquah, WA 98027. Completed application forms must be **physically received** by May 7, 2010 at 5:00 pm. **Note: Acceptance is NOT based upon a postmarked date. Do not trust the US Postal Service or any other carrier to deliver it on time. If you mail your application on May 6 (for example), and it does not arrive on May 7 by 5:00 pm, it will not be considered.**
7. Scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year will ordinarily be for the full amount of tuition plus a \$2,000 supplies account; except in cases where need is less (as in the case of multiple scholarships awarded to one student). Students may reapply to the Foundation each year they meet eligibility requirements.
8. Following completion, the original application and the required additional information must be mailed to The Robert B McMillen Foundation and the Financial Aid Worksheet needs to be sent to the Financial Aid department of your school of choice.
9. Scholarship funds will be paid to the educational institution which the student will be attending for the benefit of the student. At no time will funds be paid directly to a student.
10. The scholarship recipient is expected to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above for each academic period. If the grade point average falls below 3.0 during any academic period, the scholarship will terminate immediately. Cumulative GPA does not apply.
11. The application requires the following additional information:
 - a. The applicant's original essay, done in the style which they choose. The essay must answer the following questions: 1) How has art influenced your life?, 2) Why have you chosen the school you have?, and 3) What career do you wish to have once you are out of college? **Note: This essay constitutes a large portion of your score. Visual Creativity is highly encouraged. There are many ways to do an artistic essay- you're the artist- be creative!!** If written, not more than 500 words. If end product is a DVD, not more than three minutes long. **Note: All digital submissions must be playable on a standard PC – NO VHS Tapes, Cassette Tapes, or other media that requires a specialized viewer or player will be accepted. We are not responsible for essays that we are unable to view or play due to technology or formatting issues.**
 - b. Your official certified high school (grades 9-12) transcript.
 - i. **College students:** If you have been in college for two or more years, college transcripts alone will suffice; if you have been in college less than two years, please provide both your official high school transcript and your most recent official college transcript.
 - ii. **Please Note:** We must have two years worth of grade data to calculate the merit portion of your application. Applications that do not include two years of grade data will receive a zero in this category.

- c. Financial Aid Worksheet (to be completed by each college/university/technical school)
- d. 8 examples of artwork submitted in .jpg format or .avi if you are an animator, on a CD. **NOTE: Your artwork will not be judged if your artwork is: 1) Not in .JPG or .AVI format, 2) You submit more than 8 examples of artwork, 3) You are a college student and do not submit artwork that reflects your area of focus. We are not responsible for artwork that we are unable to view or play due to technology or formatting issues.**
 - ✓ No Powerpoint or html presentations
 - ✓ Do not join your examples of artwork and essay into one item
 - ✓ Do not submit artwork on more than one disk
 - ✓ Do not put your artwork into separate folders on your disk
 - ✓ If you are working on a MAC computer, make sure you save your art in a PC readable format.
- e. A copy of the acceptance letter to the educational institution of choice, if acceptance has occurred. Application to college must occur before submitting this application for scholarship.

For Academic Year 2010-11;

Website: www.mcmillenfoundation.org

Mailing Address:

For UPS and carriers requiring street address:

Robert B. McMillen Foundation
P O Box 1523
Issaquah, WA 98027

Robert B. McMillen Foundation
55 First Place NW, STE 2
Issaquah, WA 98027

425.313.5711

cassandra@mcmillenfoundation.org

Helpful Hints for The Robert B McMillen Art Scholarship

- Look at our current scholars! <http://www.mcmillenfoundation.org/art>. This will show you the level you are competing at. **Note:** Current college students are judged harder than those coming out of high school.
- Application & Financial Aid Worksheet:
 - Read everything carefully. Make sure your application is 100% complete.
 - Try to get your Financial Aid worksheet to your college of choice at least a month ahead. This will ensure they will be able to fill it out in time for our deadline.
 - Get your application in early. Don't wait until the last minute!!
 - If your discipline is not listed on this application, we do not cover your area of expertise at this time.
- Essay:
 - Be creative!!! This is a large percentage of your art score!! If you would like to hear about some of the essays we received last year, please call!
 - Be sure to answer all three essay questions completely. The judges should not have to decipher the answers. Answers should be obvious to anyone.
 - Submit your essay in an original, hard-copy form. Point will be deducted otherwise. We will not print your essay from a disk for you.
 - Do not put your essay (if digital) on the same disk as your portfolio.
- Portfolio:
 - Submit work showing only the discipline you want to go into. For example, if you are a photographer, submit photography, not paintings. If you are a graphic designer, submit graphic design, not illustration, etc. **Note:** An exception will be made for current High School students.
 - Reproductions of masters' paintings or other artists' work should not be submitted, as this is not the applicant's original idea or works. It is plagiarism.
 - Do not send more than eight examples of artwork – your work will not be judged. **Note:** Additional photos of a piece of artwork which depict detail and/or application are acceptable, but only if absolutely necessary.
 - Photograph your artwork well- watch for shadows, hair hanging in photo, strange angles, blur etc. Natural light is best.
 - No slides accepted- all work must be on CD, in .jpg or .avi format.
 - Do not put your portfolio on the same disk as your essay (if digital)
 - Do not send titles or explanations of your artwork – visual art should speak for itself!!
- Phone calls with legitimate questions are appreciated. Phone calls begging or pleading financial need do not help you.
- No reference letters should be included with your application. The top candidates will be selected and invited for a personal interview. References may be requested at that time.

Financial Aid Worksheet

To be completed by an official of the college, university or technical school.
Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to:

The Robert B McMillen Foundation
P O Box 1523
Issaquah, WA 98027

Fax: 425.313.8955

Dear Financial Officer;

The below named student has applied for The Robert B McMillen Art Scholarship. This student would be appreciative of you taking your time to fill out the following information on their behalf. If this worksheet has arrived in your office later than April 30th, 2010, please disregard and send us an e-mail to cassandra@mcmillenfoundation.org; subject line: Disregarded Worksheets; with the name of the student in the body of the e-mail. Thank you.

Student:

I, _____ give my permission for
(Student's Name here)
_____ to complete the following form
(Name of College here)
on my behalf and release such information to The Robert B McMillen Foundation. Thank
you. _____
(Signature of Student, or, if under 18, signature of parent or guardian)

Financial Officer:

Please Note: Financial need should be determined by using the Department of Education Federal Methodology formula as calculated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are unable to complete this form for any reason, please use the comment section to explain.

Student
Name _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Yes No Student is currently accepted?

Yes No Student has filled out the FAFSA for upcoming school year?

If no, is student ineligible? Yes No

If yes, reason for ineligibility:

- Foreign Student
- Has Bachelor's Degree
- Other _____

Annual Basis

Student Budget

Tuition & Fees _____

Books & Supplies _____

Total _____

Student Resources (EFC)

Parent Contribution _____

Student Contribution _____

Total _____

Difference (Office Use Only) _____

Describe sources of Grants & Scholarships

Y/N*

Amount

Describe sources of Grants & Scholarships	Y/N*	Amount
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total Grant and Scholarship Aid Available

*Is Award based on Financial Need, as determined in accordance with Federal or institutional standards? Please indicate as to each scholarship or grant whether it is based on financial need/subsidized or unsubsidized.

Comments:

To be filled out by person completing this form:

I CERTIFY THAT: the information contained in this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ **Title** _____

Name (printed) _____ **Date** _____

Educational Institution _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

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