



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFO & GUIDELINES LETTER

Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit member-artist organization that supports the arts and art education in Lake and Sanders counties in Northwest Montana. Our mission is to encourage and promote participation in the arts through workshops, scholarships, exhibits, a library, and other resources.

Each year, Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts offers art scholarships to students from Lake and Sanders counties who plan to major in a recognized field of art.

For scholarship eligibility, "art" includes painting, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, jewelry, photography and film, fiber art, and graphic art. Also included are art education, art history, restoration, scientific or medical illustration, digital art and design, archaeology, and museum curatorship.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ Applicants generally required to be full-time students enrolled at an accredited United States institution of higher education, or high school seniors accepted by a college, university, or specialized art or vocational school offering degrees in the arts.
Note: Special situations that limit full-time attendance will be considered.
- ☐ Applicants must be majoring in one of the designated art fields. A letter from the Registrar or Office of Admissions is required and must include the expected graduation date.
- ☐ Applicants must reside in Lake County or Sanders County, Montana.
- ☐ Applicants are required to complete the scholarship application and attach a typed statement describing their focus of art study.
- ☐ Applicants are required to submit samples or images of their artwork in **both** in JPEG and paper formats. Please include your name on all artwork.
- ☐ A current headshot photograph of the applicant is required.
- ☐ One typed letter of reference from someone in the field of art must be submitted.

The Sandpiper Scholarship Committee will review all submissions and may schedule an interview. The committee will present its selection(s) to the Board of Directors, which will determine the scholarship amount. Award amounts may vary and are paid directly to the school. Recipients may apply again in subsequent years.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER'S BENEFITS:

- If invited to an interview, applicants must bring at least two pieces of artwork to be displayed at Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts.
- Scholarship recipients are expected to submit artwork for inclusion in the member section of any new Art Show at the Gallery during the scholarship year.
- Scholarship recipients will receive complimentary Gallery membership for the scholarship year.
- Scholarship recipients may have space to sell their artwork at the Gallery booth during the Flathead Lake Festival of Art in July and the Courthouse Art Festival in August of the scholarship year. Both Festivals are in Polson, Montana.

HOW TO APPLY:

Completed Scholarship Applications and all required materials must be emailed, mailed, or delivered **no later than March 31 of each calendar year.**

- **EMAIL:** Email the completed application, required documents, and artwork examples to dmkotyk1@gmail.com. Use **"Attention Scholarship Committee"** in the email subject line.
- **MAIL:** mail completed application and required materials to:
Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1163, Polson, MT 59860
- **HAND DELIVERY**
Gallery location: 306 Main St., Polson, MT 59860

For additional scholarship information, visit Sandpiperartgalleryandgifts.com/scholarships
Questions? Email **dmkotyk1@gmail.com** or call the Gallery at (406) 883-5956.