

Visual Arts Scholarship Application



Department of Communications, Literature, and Arts

The Mount Mercy University Department of Communications, Literature and Arts Visual Arts Scholarship ranges in value up to \$2,000 per year, based on the student's potential, skill and interest in the visual arts. This scholarship may be renewed each year, for a total four-year value of up to \$8,000. Scholarship funds totaling \$2,500 are also awarded during the annual Mount Mercy University High School Art Exhibit each spring.

Requirements:

Students must be enrolled full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) and seeking a major or minor in Art. Students must enroll in at least two art courses per year and maintain a minimum 2.30 GPA. Students must also be a member of the Art Club, participate in Art Club events, and attend two Janalyn Hanson White Gallery receptions each year.

To Apply:

Admitted students should submit this Visual Arts Scholarship application form and the following to the Mount Mercy Admissions Office by **February 1**:

- A portfolio of 10-12 completed artworks in any medium. Original artworks are preferred.

OR

- 10-12 images of completed artworks in the form of digital photos or power point presentation on CD.

AND the following:

- A current sketchbook.
- A paragraph on how you perceive your artwork and the direction you'd like to pursue next.
- A letter of recommendation from a high school or college art teacher or private tutor. The letter must be mailed directly to the Mount Mercy Admissions Office.

Art work and CD/DVDs must be labeled with name and school (title, medium, size for individual artwork). Portfolios will be reviewed during Art Scholarship Day held each year in February. Students unable to attend that day should contact the Admissions Office to coordinate an individual review.

How to prepare your portfolio:

Select a wide variety of your work that represents your achievements to date and demonstrates your creativity and capacity as an artist. You may want to include:

- Drawings in any media, especially those done from actual observation as opposed to photographs. Artwork copied from photography or other renderings do not necessarily show originality, just a certain skill level
- Artwork that shows your ability to use color and composition
- Examples of both two- and three-dimensional work
- Examples that show your greatest strengths and preferred media
- Request instruction sheets on photographing artwork or portfolio advice if you need help.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone (____) _____

High School/College _____

Name of the person sending your letter of recommendation _____