



Dear High School Art Educator:

The Wickford Art Association (WAA) and Rhode Island Art Education Association (RIAEA) would like to invite you to participate in a scholarship opportunity for graduating senior art students. This resume-enhancing scholarship is being offered statewide to students in public and public-charter high schools.

Each high school may choose one high school art student to apply.

The student will present four pieces. The media will be a selection from any of the following : Drawing, Painting, 3-D, Mixed Media, Photography or Digital Art.

All educators who submit a participant will receive a General Artist's complimentary membership. Also, all entrants will receive a complimentary one-year student membership to WAA, making them eligible for member-only exhibits, discounts on classes and juried exhibit registrations.

Four students will be selected to receive a cash scholarship from the Wickford Art Association & RIAEA. The amount of these scholarships is still pending due to ongoing efforts to raise additional funds but will be at least \$500 each.

These scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the costs of higher education and continued art studies at the collegiate level.

All four winners will be given the opportunity to display their submitted portfolio of work at Wickford Art Association's Gallery, celebrated with **a closing awards ceremony on Saturday, April 15 (from 4 pm to 5:30 pm). The exhibit, showcasing the award recipients' works, will be on display in the gallery from: April 5 - April 15th.**

**Pick up of artwork will take place at the closing of the awards ceremony on April 15th at 5:30 pm.**

Additionally, the four winning students are also invited to exhibit and sell their artwork during the nationally ranked **60th Wickford Art Festival on July 8 & 9, 2023**. WAA will provide the students with booth and display space and the Festival Director will provide all further details following the Scholarship Program exhibit.

With art supplies and coursework being more expensive than ever before, the prospects of college may be difficult for aspiring young artists. This is a wonderful opportunity. Our intention is to make it as inclusive as possible so more students can apply and benefit from preparation of a juried competition. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful work our public high schools have to offer.

Applying for this scholarship is simple: please follow the directions listed below. If you have any questions you may contact the Wickford Art Association at: **[exhibitsWAA@gmail.com](mailto:exhibitsWAA@gmail.com)**

Thank you for supporting our emerging artists!

Sincerely,

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