**Application may be submitted using email [or] regular mail.**

1. **Email Art Guild of Clifton at:**

**artguildofclifton@gmail.com**

1. **Regular mail to:**

**Art Guild of Clifton**

**P.O. Box 288**

**Clifton, VA 20124**

**Deadline: must be received by May 1, 2017 (a postmark date – provide email to AGC of pending delivery)**

**PURPOSE:** This scholarship program is established to honor the memory of Mary Lee Peterson, an Art Guild of Clifton founding member. We are excited to undertake this very special commission in Mary Lee's name, fostering the arts among our next generation of talented arts students.  Mary Lee spent a lifetime of learning and then employing many facets of the arts in her personal life including fine arts, jewelry making and music performance. With this special talent she brought the beauty of the natural world to her family, friends, colleagues, and the arts world.  Her work was creative and unbounded, blending all her senses to display a keen understanding of how visual and performing arts affect human kind.  Her distinct accomplishment in this lifetime was to be a driving force for establishing the Art Guild of Clifton and sustaining our membership on a singular focus. She continually demonstrated her passion for the arts in all its forms.  We take great pride in advancing the arts with our next generation of artists, in Mary Lee's memory.

The purpose of this scholarship program then, will be to support on-going visual arts education at the under-graduate level for Graduating Seniors at Robinson Secondary, Centreville HS, and Fairfax HS in Fairfax County Public School system, Virginia

**Program Requirements and Criteria**

**Applicant Requirements:**

1. Must be a High School Senior graduating in the Class of 2017.
2. Must attend school at either Robinson Secondary, Centreville HS, or Fairfax HS.
3. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate artistic talent.
4. Applicant must supply two letters of recommendation from their teachers, with at least one and preferably both in his/her related arts field.
5. Must be pursuing a visual/fine arts related degree or program as an undergraduate-level student.

**Key Selection Criteria:**

Submission of an original body of work in the Visual Fine Arts. Portfolios must contain a maximum of three works, photographed and submitted as JPEG (.jpg) file format with this application. Files should be at least **300 dpi**. Each JPEG file should be no greater than 7 megabytes. One image for each work of art is expected to be submitted. Submitted images will use this naming convention in the file name:

**LastName\_FirstName\_SchoolName\_Category\_Title** or Part of Title.jpg

Example: *Taylor\_Alyssa\_Robinson\_DigitalArt\_Surreal Landscape.jpg*

1. Visual Fine Art forms of expression are Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Mixed Media, Collage, Mosaics, and Fine Art Photography. Mediums are only limited by imagination. Painting will be considered to be art created by applying pigment to a two-dimensional surface. (examples, but not limited to: Oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, tempera, ink, encaustic, fresco, spray paint, etc. applied on canvas, canvas board, paper or any flat surface.) Works copied from published photographs, the internet, or existing works should not be submitted. Copyright infringement and plagiarism will be cause for disqualification.
2. Work demonstrates technical skill, personal voice or vision, and originality.
3. Recommendation from the teacher/instructor. At least one recommendation, and preferably both, must be from a teacher or instructor in a related arts field.

**Program Requirements:**

1. Application and letters of recommendation must be received by the deadline.
2. An incomplete and/or unsigned application will be ineligible.
3. Awarded scholarship checks will be made out to the institution named in the application. If no institution is yet chosen, check will be written to institution at time of student’s acceptance. No check will be written directly to the student.
4. The Art Guild of Clifton Board will review the scholarship applications.
5. Judging will be based upon the following criteria: originality/creativity, composition, skill proficiency of tools and processes, concept/idea, quality, presentation, and fulfilling entry guidelines.
6. Notification to successful applicants will take place by May 15, 2017. Scholarships will be presented at a ceremony during the Art Guild of Clifton Plein Air event, May 18-21, 2017.

**Amount of Scholarship:**

Applicants are eligible for up to $500 each for a total of two individual scholarships. All scholarships are not necessarily granted depending on quality of the applications and the art works submitted.

Students who do not yet know the program they plan to attend should also apply, but will not receive a check until the program is selected. Checks will be written when the student furnishes program information to AGC Board. Checks will be written before **August 1** of the current year or the scholarship amount will be forfeited.

**All Checks are made out to the program selected, not to the student. Please be sure to include this information in your application or to give it to AGC Board as soon as possible.**

*Student, please note: Applicants should provide the following guidelines to Instructor(s)/Teacher(s), who will be providing recommendation(s) for your participation in a program. Remember to give your teacher time to write this recommendation.*

**Guidelines for Teacher Recommendation Letter**

Attention Teacher:

In order for the student to qualify for the Scholarship Program, your letter of recommendation must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2017 (provide email notifying AGC of pending delivery).

Please use the following as guidelines when preparing your recommendation letter.

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. How focused is the student on his/her chosen art medium?
3. Describe the artistic growth and development of the student.
4. How diversified is the student within the medium?
5. How is the student’s overall academic performance?
6. What future course or plan of study has been discussed with the student?
7. What guidance have you provided?
8. Why would you want this scholarship to be awarded to this student?
9. Please include your contact information in the recommendation in case there are questions.

The recommendation letter may be submitted using email [or] regular mail or dropped at the AGC office

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1. **Applicant Information**

NAME OF APPLICANT:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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PRIMARY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address / PO Box

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Town/City State Zip Code

PRIMARY TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT GRADE LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***To be completed by student***

I certify the decision to apply for the Art Guild of Clifton Art Scholarship Program is my own, and I will abide by the regulations explained in the Program Requirements and Criteria for Selecting Candidates. The responses contained in the student application form are my own.

I understand that scholarship checks will be made out to the institution named in my application.

Date Signature of Student

***To be completed by parent or guardian if student is under 18***

**Parent or Guardian:**With whom does the student reside: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Guardian

FULL NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY TELEPHONE #.­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permit him/her to be considered as a scholarship candidate for the Art Guild of Clifton Art Scholarship Program.

I confirm that the student meets the eligibility requirements of the Scholarship application.

I understand that if he/she is selected to receive the scholarship, the monies must be used for the completion of the program or curriculum noted on the application.

I understand that the scholarship does not imply any additional financial support, and if accepted, the student will be responsible for the remainder of costs, if any.

Date Signature of Parent/Guardian

**II. Scholarship Program Information**

Please complete the following questions about the Art Program being planned. PLEASE ATTACH NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION, AT MOST.

1. Name of Program:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Specify type of Art/Medium:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Specify institution, organization, school, university or college that will supervise program. Provide:
4. address and a contact person with telephone number, and
5. website for the program: If no program information is available, please furnish this information to the AGC when it becomes available.

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1. Briefly describe the program or desired program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Specify dates [or] duration of the program, if available:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Program cost (funds may only be used for tuition)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. List file names for the three portfolio images submitted

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**III. Your Artist Statement**

On a separate page, in 300 to 400 words explain simply:

1. WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO CREATE YOUR ART?
2. WHAT SIGNIFIES OR REPRESENTS YOUR ART?
3. WHAT IS UNIQUE OR SPECIAL ABOUT HOW YOU CREATE YOUR ART?
4. WHAT YOUR ART MEANS TO YOU?