



## **Arts Alive, Inc.**

### **Andy Conklin Visual Arts Scholarship**

### **Application Information**

The Andy Conklin Visual Arts Scholarship Program was established to help graduating high school seniors from the Arts Alive service areas of the Town of West Point, and the counties of King William, New Kent, and King and Queen who wish to pursue a career that is related to the visual arts. Careers include, but not limited to, studio art, theater costume design, stage/set design, art history, graphic design, illustration, photography, printmaking, interior design, fashion design, and/or web design.

Arts Alive is an organization whose mission is to promote and stimulate an awareness and love of the Arts. Arts Alive has established this scholarship to honor this mission and the memory of Andy Conklin. While mayor of West Point, Andy Conklin was instrumental in founding Arts Alive to help bring arts programming to the community. He not only was one of the original founders of Arts Alive, but remained a director of Arts Alive. Andy was the president of the organization at the time of his death in 2011. Andy loved and enjoyed the arts and was part of every Arts Alive activity. He enjoyed helping to select our performances with the Presenters Committee, working at the Summer Arts Camp and Missoula Drama Camps, assisting with every performance and all fundraising activities, supporting the Visual Arts Committee, and leading our meetings. The Arts Alive Board of Directors voted to make our visual arts scholarship the Andy Conklin Visual Arts Scholarship in honor of Andy Conklin's dedication and love of the arts, and to help others carry on his legacy.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:**

Arts Alive will award one scholarship for \$1,000 to a student enrolled in an accredited college or university for the 2021-2022 academic year as a full-time student taking 12 credit hours or more. The scholarship may not exceed the cost of education billed by the school. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational institution, and must be used in the year in which it is granted.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Applicants must be planning to pursue a visual arts related career at a college or university, as well as have exhibited talent and passion for the visual arts during high school to apply. Applicants will be evaluated on the following categories:

- Interview and quality of art submitted
- Recommendations
- Application
- Personal statement

#### **DEADLINE:**

Completed application, personal statement, and transcript must be **received** by Arts Alive **by 5 PM on May 3, 2021**. Interviews will be held on **Sunday, May 16, 2021** between 1 and 4 PM at West Point High School if safety protocols allow.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school or home school program located in the Arts Alive service areas of the Town of West Point, and the counties of King William, New Kent, and King and Queen.
2. Applicant must be planning to attend an undergraduate program or an associate's degree program at a college, university, conservatory, or community college where the applicant plans to pursue a visual arts related career.
3. A 2.0 GPA is preferred but not required.
4. Arts Alive, Inc. employees, directors, and their families are not eligible.

### **APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT:**

1. An official high school transcript for the most recently completed semester. The transcript must be received to: Arts Alive, P.O. Box 906, West Point, VA 23181 directly from the school in a sealed, stamped envelope by **5 PM on May 3, 2021**. The total cumulative GPA must be included on the transcript.
2. An original of each of the following:
  - a. Completed and signed Arts Alive Visual Arts Scholarship Application (available online at [www.artsaliveinc.org](http://www.artsaliveinc.org))
  - b. Typed, double-spaced personal statement explaining why the applicant would like to pursue chosen career and how it is related to the visual arts.
  - c. Typed, double-spaced description of the applicant's visual arts involvement and achievements in high school. Make sure to include training (teachers, places), experience (exhibits or productions), and awards and/or honors (when applicable). Include contact information (name, phone and/or email) for reference in regards to experience.
3. Two typed, signed, and sealed letters of recommendation are required from an instructor, guidance counselor, teacher, principal and/or someone else familiar with the student's work.
4. Fulfill the requirements from the category, listed below, you wish to apply.

Top applicants may be chosen for a personal interview. Applicants are required to attend interview, if chosen and safety protocols allow, on **Sunday afternoon, May 16, 2021**. **Interview times are between 1 and 4 PM. The applicant should bring actual artwork examples previously submitted with the application digitally or in picture form to the interview portion of the application process.** If the applicant is unable to attend an interview on this date, the applicant should submit an explanation of the reason for missing the interview. Application may still be judged and a phone interview may be conducted. Greater weight will be given to interviews in person.

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to follow instructions may disqualify you.

- Do not send in any part of the application package separately, except for your transcript.
- Do not include any extra materials.
- Do not staple any part of application – use paper clips.

### **MAIL OR DELIVER TO:**

All materials should be mailed to: Arts Alive, Scholarship Selection Committee, P.O. Box 906, West Point, VA 23181.

It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the transcript, recommendations, application with personal statement, and artwork is **received** by Arts Alive by **5 PM on May 3, 2021**. **Arts Alive will not be responsible for lost, delayed or misdirected mail.** Scholarship applications will not be considered unless **all required information is received**. Faxes will not be accepted.

### **AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Award is based on merit. Decisions are made by the Arts Alive Scholarship Selection Committee. All decisions are final. Decisions will be made by the end of May 2021. All applicants will be notified by phone, email and/or by mail.

An additional \$500 is available to be awarded in the second year during college career to the prior year recipient of this scholarship as long as they are continuing as a full time student and are actively pursuing a visual arts related career they were awarded. Contact Arts Alive to apply for the Dr. Shirley Carter Olsson Recurring Scholarship. This one-time scholarship was established to assist in your continuing education in the arts.

### **QUESTIONS:**

Contact Donna Kline at 804-843-3475 or email [exec.dir@artsaliveinc.org](mailto:exec.dir@artsaliveinc.org).



**Arts Alive, Inc.**  
**Andy Conklin Visual Arts Scholarship Application**

Application Deadline: May 3, 2021

Award Amount: \$1,000

<b>Name of Student:</b>		<b>Telephone Number:</b>
<b>Permanent Address:</b>		<b>Email address:</b>
<b>College or University to which you have been accepted <u>and</u> address:</b>		
<b>Number of hours per semester you plan to take:</b>	<b>Field of Study/Major:</b>	
<b>Name of High School:</b>	<b>County High School is in:</b>	<b>Cumulative GPA/Scale:</b>
<b>Parent or guardian name:</b>	<b>Parent address if different:</b>	<b>Parent phone:</b>
<b>Indicate your choice of presentation:</b> <i>(complete the appropriate corresponding information on the following page)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Studio Art	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater Costume/Stage Design	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Applicant may submit any additional information that the candidate feels would enhance his/her consideration (including professional/volunteer work). Indication as to financial need (if any) may also be included.

**I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents are true and correct. I also certify that I personally answered all questions and wrote the personal statement relating to this scholarship application. I understand that if for any reason I discontinue my studies, I must notify Arts Alive within ten (10) days. I also understand that I must be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester to receive scholarship payments if awarded. I agree that Arts Alive may use my name and possibly a photograph (furnished by recipient) for publicity purposes.**

Applicant's signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature if under 18 years of age:  
 X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Studio Art

Submit pictures of three to five pieces of art within the applicant's portfolio. The pictures may be submitted digitally to [marketing@artsaliveinc.org](mailto:marketing@artsaliveinc.org) with a subject line that includes "**Visual Arts Scholarship—applicant's name**" by CD with the application or through picture form (no larger than 5"x7") with the application.

### Guidelines for art submissions:

- a. artwork may be in different mediums or the same medium
- b. artwork should show an engagement with materials and ideas
- c. pieces should show ability to work on a wide range of artistic interests
- d. work must be done independently and may come from classroom or outside the classroom
- e. work should be original in concept
- f. work must be presented in a professional manner
- g. applicants should provide information indicating the type of media, process used, and size of the work on a separate piece of paper, on the back of the picture, or in the email submission

## Theater Costume or Stage/Set Design

Submit photographs of applicant's costume or stage/set design, along with copies of sketches and planning material. The documentation may be submitted digitally to [marketing@artsaliveinc.org](mailto:marketing@artsaliveinc.org) with a subject line that includes "Visual Arts Scholarship—applicant's name", by CD with the application, or through picture form (no larger than 11" x14") with the application.

### Guidelines for submissions:

- a. artwork may be in different mediums, the same medium or digital medium
- b. work must be done independently and may come from classroom assignments or outside the classroom
- c. work should be original in concept
- d. shows the efforts or steps taken to complete this project or independent study

## Other Visual Arts

Submit photographs and/or copies of applicant's designs. The documentation may be submitted digitally to [marketing@artsaliveinc.org](mailto:marketing@artsaliveinc.org) with a subject line that includes "Visual Arts Scholarship—applicant's name", by CD with the application, or through picture form (no larger than 11" x14") with the application.

### Guidelines for submissions:

- a. artwork may be in different mediums, the same medium or digital medium
- b. work must be done independently and may come from classroom assignments or outside the classroom
- c. work should be original in concept
- d. documentation should include reference information of whom the work was done for, if applicable