



ARTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Criteria

The Monroe Arts Alliance is a non-profit cultural organization dedicated to the support and promotion of the arts in Monroe County, WV, and the surrounding area.

Students of art, music, theatre, or dance may apply for scholarship support for private or group lessons under the following terms and conditions:

1. The student must be a resident of Monroe County. No age restrictions apply. A completed application form may be submitted at any time during the fiscal year January-December. Younger students may rely on assistance from a parent, guardian or other relative to complete application and reporting forms.
2. The student must submit recommendations from three (3) adults citing need, aptitude, and interest. One of these recommendations may be from a parent or relative, one should be from an adult engaged in the discipline for which the scholarship is requested, one can be from a friend or teacher.
3. The student must submit a letter from his or her instructor of choice, saying that there is an opening for this student, and citing the level of instruction, the frequency and cost of lessons. The teacher must be a qualified instructor, live within a 25-mile radius of the county, and must register with the Monroe Arts Alliance.
4. The Board will review applications within six weeks of receipt and inform the applicant and instructor of their decision. First quarterly payment will be made directly to the instructor upon notification by phone or e-mail that the lessons have commenced. Subsequent payments will be made within two weeks of receipt of student quarterly reports (see attached).
4. The student must agree to report to the Board of the Monroe Arts Alliance in writing on a quarterly basis (once every three months), citing the benefit of the lessons, the degree of progress, and future course of instruction. Failure to submit a report will result in termination of scholarship funds.
5. The student must agree to display visual art or perform in his/her discipline at least once a year for the benefit of the Arts Alliance in a venue and at a time to be determined by the Arts Alliance program schedule.
6. The Arts Alliance may subsidize all or part of the student's lesson fees. Not all requests will be able to be filled.

7. Board members, employees and their families are not eligible for receipt of funds, either as students or teachers.

8. Scholarships will be awarded on a yearly basis unless otherwise stipulated in the application materials. Renewals will depend on funds available, student compliance with the conditions of the scholarship, review by the Board of the student's progress, and recommendations from the student's instructor(s). Payment will be made directly to the instructor on a quarterly (three month) basis.