



*Sandpiper Art
Gallery & Gifts*

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFO & GUIDELINES LETTER

The Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit member artist's organization that supports the arts and art education in both Lake and Sanders counties in Northwest Montana. Our mission is to encourage and promote participation in the arts in these counties. We provide educational opportunities through workshops, scholarships, exhibits, a library, and other resources.

Each year Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gift offers art scholarships to deserving students from Lake and Sanders Counties.

For scholarship eligibility purposes we define "art" to include painting, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, jewelry, photography and film, fiber art, and graphic art. We further expand these criteria to include professional careers in art. These include art education, history of art, restoration, scientific/medical art illustration, digital art and design, archeology, and museum curatorship.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants generally must be full-time students enrolled at an institution of higher learning or be a high school senior accepted by a college, university, or specialized art and vocational higher educational school offering degrees in the arts. *Note: We will recognize those applicants who have special situations that limit full-time attendance.
- Applicants must major in a designated "art" field.
- Applicants must reside in Lake County or Sanders County, Montana.
- Applicants must complete the scholarship application that includes a statement of their focus of art study that may be written or typed as an attachment.
- Samples or pictures of work must be submitted with the application.
- Please include a current photograph (headshot) of yourself.
- One Letter of Reference from a source in the Field of Art must be submitted.

The Sandpiper Scholarship Committee will review all submissions and may schedule an interview. They will present their selection(s) to the Board of Directors. The Board will decide the amount awarded. The scholarship award is paid directly to the school. Recipients may apply during subsequent years. The award amount may vary.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER'S BENEFITS:

- Scholarship award recipients are expected to submit artwork to be included in the member section of any new Art Show in the Gallery during that scholarship year.
- The winner(s) may also request complimentary Gallery membership for that scholarship year.
- The winner(s) may have selling space at the Gallery booth during both the Flathead Lake Festival of Art in July at Polson's Sacajawea Park, and at the Polson Courthouse Festival in August of that scholarship year.

HOW TO APPLY:

Students must email or deliver Scholarship Applications no later than **March 31, 2025**.

- You may email completed application and all required documents & art examples to **sandpiperartgallery306@gmail.com**. ***Please put in email subject line "Attention Scholarship Committee"*.
- You may also directly mail or deliver completed applications & all required documents to:
Sandpiper Art Gallery & Gifts
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1163
Polson, MT 59860
- For additional information on scholarships please check the website at:
Sandpiperartgalleryandgifts.com

For additional assistance, please email **sandpiperartgallery306@gmail.com** or call for questions at:
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