

## **UpCountry Artists Scholarship Program**

UpCountry Artists is pleased to announce that two or more scholarships will be awarded each year to area students (from Franklin, Somerset, and Oxford counties) who are seeking a degree in a two to four college program in fine or commercial art or fine craft. Under the program, there will be at least two \$1,500 scholarships awarded each year.

As of 2018 we will also accept applications from students who are already enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

As of 2021, adult members of UPCOUNTRY ARTISTS who have maintained their membership for three or more years and are seeking more education in the arts or fine crafts may also apply.

### **Guidelines for UCA Members**

These folks will need to write an essay which states their intention as to what program they are pursuing and how it will affect their craft/art as well as their financial need.

### **Guidelines for Students Currently enrolled in College Level Art Institutions**

- These students must include a letter from the financial aid counselor from their arts institute indicating their financial need and a recommendation attesting to their deservedness.
- Transcript of all course work up to present.
- An essay which covers how this scholarship will help them in their pursuit of their artistic career.
- 4 examples of your most recent artwork

Deadlines determined on an individual basis. First year college students will have a deadline of late January after a successful first semester, transcripts from fall semester and a shown intention of returning for spring semester. Sophomore and up may apply in the fall. Preference is given to those who volunteer time with UCA. UCA members in good standing may apply at any time.

### **Guidelines & Priorities for HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

- Seeking graduating seniors that desire an advanced art degree in art, craft, or art education.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college/university majoring in the arts.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program and submit a letter of recommendation from the personal teaching staff.
- Applicants need to submit 4 images of their most recent artwork.
- The application deadline is June 10 by 11:59 p.m. to be received by UpCountry Artists. Late applications are not accepted.

# HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

## UpCountry Artists Scholarship Application

Please write or type your answers clearly.

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of Birth: Month                  Day                  Year
5. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale) Please attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.
6. Name and location of High School: \_\_\_\_\_
7. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities school related and non-school related volunteer activities:
8. Name & address (if under 18 only) of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):
9. Proof of student's acceptance into an undergraduate program, such as a scope of acceptance letter supplied by the applicant or guidance counselor.
10. **ESSAY:** Describe how your talent has demonstrated your contribution and commitment to give back to the Maine community through your work. 500 or so words
11. Submit 2 to 4 samples of your work.

### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS:

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the UpCountry Artists Scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

# UCA MEMBERS

## UpCountry Artists Scholarship Application

Please write or type your answers clearly.

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What program do you intend to enroll in?

6. **ESSAY:** Please write a short essay which states your intention as to what program you are pursuing and how it will affect your craft/art.

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(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_

(date)

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to:

UpCountry Artists - Scholarship Committee  
Kathleen Perelka  
Chair of the Scholarship Committee  
242 Pinnacle Road  
Canaan, Maine 04924