

2017 Jewell Pratt Burns Art Scholarship

Prince William Art Society has awarded competitive scholarships every academic year since 2008 to selected Prince William county students in the 12th grade preparing to pursue a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts or Art Education. A scholarship will again be presented in May 2017.

Scholarship Application Procedures:

Students must send an Intent To Apply letter postmarked by Tuesday April 4th* containing a simple statement of intent, such as: "I intend to apply for the Prince William Society Art Scholarship" along with their name, the name of their school, and contact information so they can be contacted with any necessary changes or updated information, and to ensure that their final portfolios can be returned to them after the selection process.

Students must prepare and mail or hand deliver their final application materials postmarked on or before the final deadline of Thursday, April 20th to:

Jewell Pratt Burns Scholarship Committee,
12229 Dapple Gray Court,
Woodbridge, VA 22192
This deadline will be firm.

*The letter of intent deadline may be extended by permission via Email: prattburns@gmail.com

Final applications must include:

1. Teacher Recommendation

The student must be recommended by her/his art instructor based on the student's talent, potential, and desire to go forward in the field of Visual Arts. This recommendation must be signed by the art instructor and include the art instructor's email and phone number.

2. Student Statement of Future Intent

The student should prepare a letter addressed to the Prince William Art Society indicating the high school the student currently attends, why he/she should receive the scholarship, and how the scholarship will assist her/him in their career plans. The letter should state the college where the student has been accepted, their planned major, and be signed by the student.

3. Portfolio

The student must submit a digital portfolio on a USB drive or CD/DVD of at least 5"x7"/ 300 dpi that includes five pieces of their original artwork in the student's choice of media. Each art piece must be identified by media and date of completion. No commercial images are accepted and any detection of alteration to the digital images of non-digital artworks will result in disqualification.

A panel of artists from the Prince William Art Society reviews all application materials submitted. Once finalists have been identified, the panel meets and interviews the finalists. Hand carrying original work to the interview is encouraged, and can be helpful in displaying the student's talent.

Application materials are returned upon request and letters sent to all applicants and the scholarship winners. The scholarships are awarded at a reception held in the evening at Tall Oaks Community Center during the regularly held May 22nd meeting of the Prince William Art Society.

In closing, we would like to thank the Prince William County School System for the vision and care given to these fine young artists of the future, and for allowing the Prince William Art Society the opportunity to be a part of this vision.