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A Scholarship Program for Students in the Arts

Arts for Life! annually awards $2,000 scholarships to 25 graduating high school seniors in Florida who demonstrate excellence in one of the following art forms:

- creative writing
- dance
- drama
- music
- visual art

Launched by former First Lady Columba Bush in 1999, the program has awarded scholarships to more than 400 gifted high school seniors.

In addition to the program's $2,000 cash award, winners will be automatically eligible to receive a matching in-kind scholarship worth a minimum of $1,000 if they attend one of the participating Florida institutions for higher education: Broward College, College of Central Florida, Flagler College, Florida Atlantic University, Florida College, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida Southern College, Jacksonville University, Miami Dade College, Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach State College, and Stetson University.

Application Period

The 2015-16 application period is October 1-February 1.

Application Process

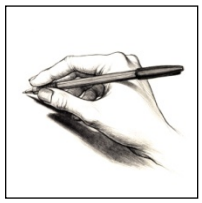
Students must submit a completed application, a brief essay explaining "How the arts have positively influenced my life" and a portfolio of work in creative writing, dance, drama, music, or visual art. Applicants can apply directly online at artsforlifeaward.org.

Eligibility

High school students who are graduating from a public, private, or virtual school or a home education program in Florida during the current academic year.

Selection Process

A committee of judges for each of the five disciplines, comprised of respected experts, reviews and scores the students essays and work samples. Students with the top scores in each discipline are awarded a scholarship.

Award Process

Scholarships will be awarded to winners at a luncheon in their honor. Recipients are invited to perform or exhibit their artwork during the event.