

Smith Mountain Arts Council “Martha Bowers Memorial” Scholarship

2026 Applicant Information

Smith Mountain Arts Council announces up to two \$2000 two-year scholarships for seniors demonstrating talent in **Performing, Visual or Literary Arts** who attend the following high schools or are homeschooled in the same geographic areas: Franklin County, Gretna, Staunton River, SML Christian Academy, or Christian Heritage Academy. **Applications are open for all recognized academic disciplines at two or four-year accredited colleges or universities, including community colleges (scholarships are not limited to art majors).** Scholarships will be paid in the amount of \$1000 per year for the first two years of enrollment. Second year payments are subject to recipients submitting first year transcripts and showing progress satisfactory to the committee.

Method of Selection

Recipients will be selected by the SMAC Scholarship Committee. Applications will be considered based on Artistic Goals and Academic Record, Artistic Activities, Awards and Honors, High School and Community Activities and Work Experience. A Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher is required.

Application Requirements

Applications must be endorsed by the Guidance Department / Home School Coordinator. Applications must be received by the committee by **March 31, 2026** and must include:

- Completed Application
- Copies of Artistic Work
- High School Transcript to Date
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation. One from each of the following: art teacher, other teacher or high school official, a community person not related to the applicant.

The application, all attachments, including samples of the artistic work, must be completed through the SMAC website at <https://smithmountainarts council.com/scholarship-apply>. Any questions can be addressed to Diane Wallace, SMAC Scholarship Chair, at **scholarship@smac-arts.com**

Administration

2026 scholarship checks will be sent directly to the college upon receipt of a copy of the letter of acceptance, mailing address, and enrollment ID. Scholarship funds will be applied to the student's tuition costs.

