



Oak Park Area Arts Council 2011 Fine Arts Scholarship

Applications also available online at www.OakParkAreaArtsCouncil.org.

In 1996, the Oak Park Area Arts Council (OPAAC) convened an arts education task force that was charged with studying the state of arts education in the tri-village area. One of the items to come out of that task force was a need for the Arts Council to establish a scholarship program. In 1997, the very first scholarship was awarded to Joey Nakayama, an Oak Park & River Forest High School student, headed to the Rhode Island School of Design to pursue studies in industrial design. Over the last fourteen years, OPAAC has awarded scholarships to 97 arts involved graduating seniors, planning to major in the arts in college.

OPAAC MISSION AND GOALS

Because we believe art is intrinsic to the quality of life in our communities, the Oak Park Area Arts Council celebrates, supports and promotes artists and arts organizations in Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park. By raising funds for the arts, and advocating for policies that promote the arts, we enhance the social, economic, and cultural foundations of our communities.

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DEADLINE: Monday, March 14, 2011

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PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION

(Applicants may use additional sheets if necessary to fully complete this application.)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

College Arts Major: _____

(Address) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Father:

Mother:

(First Name, Last Name) (First Name, Maiden Name, Last Name)

(Address) (Address)

(City, State, Zip) (City, State, Zip)

(Phone) (Phone)

High School: _____

High School Dean/Counselor's Name: _____

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average in the Arts: _____

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High School Courses Taken Relating to the Arts:

Grades Received:

High School-Related Arts Activities, Arts Honors, and Arts Awards (i.e. IMEA honors, 1st Chair Band or Orchestra, Visual Art Competitions, Illinois Theatre Assoc., etc.). List a maximum of five, choose one and describe why you are most proud of this one activity: _____

Community Service: Describe an activity in which you participate that benefits your community and tell us why you selected these activities, such as Hephzibah, PING!, tutoring, mentoring, etc. List a maximum of five and describe the one that you feel had the most impact and why. If you have not participated in community volunteer activities, please explain why not. _____

Admitted? (Circle One)

College Choice(s)	1. _____	Yes	No	Don't know
	2. _____	Yes	No	Don't know
	3. _____	Yes	No	Don't know

Other scholarships applied for: _____

Other financial aid you will be receiving: _____

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ESSAY

Please write an essay, not to exceed **one single-spaced 8 ½” x 11” page**, font no smaller than 12 point, 1-inch margins. **It is very important that applicants write the essay on the assigned topic only! Be sure to restate the topic at the top of your essay page. Use a separate sheet of paper.**

Topic:

Describe the activities in your community which you participated in that increased your knowledge and understanding of other ethnic, racial, or religious cultures. Describe the knowledge and understanding you gained from these activities. Describe how this knowledge and understanding has influenced your art.

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**Criteria Used For Selecting The Recipients Of The
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The Board of Directors of the Oak Park Area Arts Council is inviting any graduating senior, who is a **resident of Oak Park, Forest Park or River Forest**, to apply for its' scholarship program. High school seniors who have been involved/studied the arts in high school or the community and will pursue college studies in an arts-related discipline, such as the visual arts, performing arts, musical arts, and literary arts, are encouraged to apply. The scholarships will be awarded based upon merit. Scholarship finalists will be asked to submit to a 10-minute interview prior to the actual awarding of the scholarships at a time and place to be announced. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based upon the quality of their applications and interviews.

The scholarships will be directly submitted to each winner's college or university and will be applied toward the winner's freshman year tuition. **The winners will be expected to write a short letter to the Oak Park Area Arts Council at the end of their freshman year describing how the scholarship benefited them during that year.**

One copy of the typewritten and completed application and essay must be hand delivered to the Arts Council's office at Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison Street, 2nd floor, south side of the building, or mailed to: P.O. Box 950, Oak Park, IL 60303 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011. Any applications received after this date and time will not be considered.**

Be sure to include slides, photos (**no more than 5 slides or photos**), CDs, DVDs, video, audiotape, etc. of your work with your application. Please label all materials, they will be returned to you.

Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcript with this application.
(Be sure to make your request early, counselors are very busy this time of the year.)

Please note: Children of staff or members of the Board of Directors of OPAAC are not eligible for the scholarship.

Please contact OPAAC *Executive Director*, Camille Wilson White (708.358.5692), or *Assistant to the Executive Director*, Charity Piet Miska (708.358.5693), if you have any questions.

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CHECK LIST

**Be sure to complete the following checklist and collate your application in this order.
Place this checklist on top of your application packet.
Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

ف Completed application information

ف Unofficial transcript

ف Essay - **It is very important that applicants write the essay on the assigned topic only!
Restate the topic at the top of your essay page.**

ف Support materials: slides, photos (**no more than 5 slides or photos**), CDs, DVDs, video, audiotape, etc. Please label all materials, they will be returned to you.