



Oak Park Area Arts Council 2011 Russell C. Lissuzzo Scholarship

Applications also available online at www.OakParkAreaArtsCouncil.org.

Due Monday, March 14, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m.

Russell C. Lissuzzo was a long time resident of the Village of Oak Park. Russ was a well-known architect, a jazz musician and as he used to say, a “drawer”. When he passed away in the fall of 2007, his family established funds to honor him through a scholarship program. The Oak Park Area Arts Council will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who is a resident of the tri village area (Oak Park, Forest Park and River Forest) and is going onto **major in architecture** 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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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 the activities in which you participate that benefit 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 2011 Russell C. Lissuzzo Scholarship**

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** and who will major in architecture in college, to apply for its' Russell C. Lissuzzo scholarship. One \$1,000 scholarship 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 scholarship at a time and place to be announced. The scholarship recipient will be chosen based upon the quality of their application and interview.

The scholarship will be directly submitted to the winner's college or university and will be applied toward the winner's freshman year tuition. **The winner 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.