

MERIT AWARD PROGRAM

APPLICATION

1. Purpose of Program

To provide awards to Art Institute students who show evidence of merit and the motivation to successfully complete the program, but who are unable to enter classes or continue in the program without additional financial assistance.

2. Award Criteria

In order to be considered for a Merit Award, the student must meet the following criteria:

- If less than one year of previous postsecondary education, a final high school cumulative grad point average (CGPA) of at least 2.5, or
- If a minimum of one year of postsecondary education, at least a 2.5 CGPA at the previous institution, or
- If presently an Art Institute student, maintenance of at least a 2.5 CGPA while attending The Art Institute.
- GED recipients must score a minimum of 50 on all three sections of the GED test.
- Financial need as demonstrated by completing the required financial aid forms and acceptance of all aid offered (see below).

Note: In no instance will Merit Scholarship be awarded in excess of direct educational costs.

3. Instructions

- New Students - complete this application and all other financial aid forms required by the Student Financial Services Office.
- New Students - in order to expedite your consideration for an award, a copy of your high school or previous transcript must be submitted to the Admissions Office.
- Continuing students - complete this application. Check with the Student Financial Services Office to ensure that your financial aid file is complete.
- Submit all appropriate completed forms to the Student Financial Services Office.

Student's Name _____

Date _____ SS# _____

Academic Program _____

Start Date _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

High School Graduation Date _____ High School CGPA _____

Other Postsecondary CGPA _____ Institution _____

Art Institute CGPA (where applicable) _____

Certification

I hereby request consideration for an Art Institute Merit Award based on evidence of my academic merit and my financial need. I understand that award of these funds is made on a competitive basis, and that, if I receive a Merit Award, I must maintain a 2.5 CGPA while attending The Art Institute.

Student's Signature

Date

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Action Taken:

SFS Recommendation: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

TERMS:

CGPA:

This scholarship is awarded based on your previous grade point average. In order to continue to receive All Merit Scholarship, you must continue to maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5.

If your CGPA drops to below 2.5 you will forfeit the remainder of the award. Should you regain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 you are eligible to re-apply for All Merit Scholarship. Awards are based on fund availability.

CREDIT HOUR LOAD:

You must maintain a minimum of full-time attendance (12 credit hours) in order to receive this award.