

# **THE CECELIA SIEMEN SCHOLARSHIP in the VISUAL ARTS**

## **PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Board of Trustees of the South Yarmouth Library Association has sponsored, since 2002, the Cecelia Siemen Scholarship. This scholarship was established in memory of Cecelia Siemen by her family to provide financial aid to a visual arts student enrolled in a college, university or art institute. Students who meet the conditions of eligibility as stated below and who believe they show the most promise for development in one or more areas of the Visual Arts are encouraged to apply. Visual arts is understood to include, but is not limited to, painting in any medium, graphic arts, sculpture, photography, animation, film and textile art.

The award is aimed at advancing the study and knowledge of someone who is likely to make future contributions in the visual arts field. There are no residency requirements. Applicants near and far are considered equally for this award. The recipient will have an opportunity to display examples of their art work in the South Yarmouth Library and the Cultural Center of Cape Cod.

The award is to be used for the recipient's qualified educational expenses such as tuition, fees and course materials at an eligible college, university, or art institute.

## **GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION**

Applicants will be evaluated by a committee consisting of a panel of artists and chaired by a Trustee. Criteria for the evaluation will include the following:

1. Originality and creativity as indicated by portfolio work, academic records, transcripts, letters of recommendation and awards.
2. Promise of development in one or more fields of visual arts including the consideration of the candidate's interest in and potential for future growth.
3. General personal and social characteristics as demonstrated by participation in extracurricular activities, internships and employment experience.

## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. The applicant must be a student enrolled in good standing and majoring in a visual arts curriculum at an accredited university, college or art institute for at least two (2) semesters or one academic year.
2. The applicant must have successfully completed the required number of academic credit hours in visual arts coursework such as painting in any medium, graphic arts, sculpture, photography, animation, film or textile art.
3. The applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation including one (1) from a professional in the field of visual arts and one (1) from a faculty member.
4. The applicant must submit a resume to include awards/achievements in the visual arts field as well as relevant work experience.
5. The applicant should submit via email a portfolio of no more than six (6) examples of their work, accompanied by a document describing them. **Digitally generated images, photographs or video are preferred.** Actual artwork may also be submitted, but these will be returned only if envelopes, packaging and postage are provided by the applicant. These works will not be kept in any ongoing file by the scholarship committee.
6. The applicant must submit a statement outlining how award of the Siemen Scholarship relates to accomplishment of their future plans and goals in the field of visual arts.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Applications to the Cecelia Siemen Scholarship in the Visual Arts should be submitted via email to South Yarmouth Library Association Board of Trustees at [sylassoc@gmail.com](mailto:sylassoc@gmail.com) no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications must include the following: completed Scholarship Application Form, transcript of academic records, three (3) letters of recommendation, portfolio with descriptions, resume and a personal statement addressing current interests and future plans.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to ascertain that all required application materials including recommendations, are received by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Any questions or concerns can be discussed with Joanne Crowley, Cecelia Siemen Scholarship Committee Chair, via the email address above.

**SOUTH YARMOUTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
2021 CECELIA SIEMEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

APPLICANT'S NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION:

STUDENT ID #:

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**STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY**

1. By June 30<sup>th</sup> , I shall have been enrolled at an accredited college, university or art institute for at least two (2) semesters or one (1) academic year.
2. By June 30<sup>th</sup> , I shall have taken the required credit hours of course offerings within the areas of study listed in the Eligibility Guidelines.
3. I plan to concentrate my visual arts studies in the field of:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FORWARD APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO:**

[sylassoc@gmail.com](mailto:sylassoc@gmail.com)

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