The Friends of Art announces the first annual Alice Smith Art Scholarship Award. The Friends of Art (FOA) was established in 1921 as an informal art study group drawing inspiration from the art collection of the Muskegon Museum of Art (MMA). Over the past 100+ years the FOA members have proven to be strong supporting partners of the MMA in numerous ways. The FOA has gifted over 70 significant works of art to the permanent collection, created an annual lecture series, financially supported exhibitions, and most recently donated funds to purchase furnishings and art supplies for the MMA’s new art classroom expansion. This scholarship was named in honor of Alice Smith, who served as the first President of Friends of Art in 1923.

The Award

The 2023 Alice Smith Art Scholarship will consist of two $2,500 financial aid awards granted to two Muskegon County high school graduating seniors interested in pursuing an art degree from an accredited community college, university, or private college. The award will also include a one-year Friend Level membership to the MMA which has reciprocal benefits to other museums throughout Michigan and the United States. The award of the scholarships will be based on the quality of the individual artists’ portfolio and statement of intent. The duration of this award is on a one-time gifted basis. The award will be payable to the school's financial aid office for the awardee.
Qualifications:

1. Muskegon County high school senior
2. Must have taken an art class during high school
3. Must be pursuing an art degree.

Application Requirements:

1. Present 3 – 5 examples of artwork that best represent you as an artist. Images presented do not have to be in the same medium. All art mediums considered.
2. Artist statement addressing your artwork and future educational plans.
3. Recommendation (character reference) from two adults one being an art teacher.
4. Artists determined as finalists must meet in-person or via Zoom with the selection committee.
5. Fully complete the attached application form and email to: scholarship@muskegonfriendsofart.org

Or submit application by mail or in-person to:

Friends of Art – Alice Smith Art Scholarship
296 W. Webster Avenue
Muskegon, Michigan 49440

Deadline for entries: March 3, 2023 – Review of applications will take place in March with award notification by or before May 5, 2023.

Any questions regarding this application can be directed to: Al Burton at albrntn6@gmail.com

Friends of Art – 2023 Alice Smith Art Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information:

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ________________________________ State: Michigan Zip: ______________________
Phone: ______________________________ Email Address: __________________________
Graduation Year: ___________ High School: __________________________________________
Guardian Information:

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email Address: _________________________

Artist Statement: tell us about your artwork and future educational plans:
(a separate page can be attached)

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Submitting Artwork:

Applicants must submit 3 – 5 images of finished artwork. Submissions should include artwork’s title, medium, dimensions and year completed. It is highly recommended that quality digital images be taken of the artwork to make the best impression on the selection committee. Applicants can upload their application and images via Google Submission Form or as an email attachment.

Or applicants can fill out a hard copy of this application and submit 3 – 5 quality photographic prints (with artwork identification on the back) and either mail or deliver the application to the MMA at the address listed on page one.

Check the categories for the artwork presented:

___Painting ___Drawing ___Sculpture ___Ceramics ___Glass ___ Other______________________
Applicants References: List two references who can speak to your ability as an artist.

Reference #1 – Art teacher

Name ________________________________  Job Title ________________________________
Email ________________________________  Phone (____) ___________________________
Relationship to applicant ________________________________________________________

Reference #2

Name ________________________________  Job Title ________________________________
Email ________________________________  Phone (____) ___________________________
Relationship to applicant ________________________________________________________