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Application

The Sooke Fine Arts Society will offer up to two annual scholarships of \$1,500 to School District #62 students graduating from Grade 12 at one of: Edward Milne Community, Royal Bay Secondary, West Shore Centre for Learning, or Belmont Secondary Schools or SD #62 home school learning program. The scholarships are to provide financial support to students entering a post-secondary program, which includes a visual arts component, at an accredited Canadian institution.

Eligibility - In Order to Qualify the Applicant Must:

1. Be graduating from Grade 12 and in attendance at Edward Milne Community School, Royal Bay Secondary School, West Shore Centre for Learning, or Belmont Secondary School or through a home school program in SD #62.
2. Provide a personal cover letter that clearly articulates their artistic endeavours and interests to date, their reasons for pursuing further art training, possible future art training and plans in the visual arts field.
3. Complete the online entry form (link below) indicating their chosen program.
4. Submit a copy of their high school transcript.
5. Provide a digital portfolio containing 6 to 8 examples of artwork appropriate to their chosen field of study, with an accompanying description of pieces submitted. All forms of media accepted.
6. Submit a letter from their art teacher, or other qualified adult, certifying that the entries are the applicant's original creations.
7. Agree to submit a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 pieces to the 2025 Sooke Fine Arts Youth Arts Show (submissions open May 1 at sookefinearts.com: For Artists / Youth Artists). All artworks must abide by the submission guidelines available on the website.
8. Provide proof of registration for the autumn of the year following application in an accredited Canadian institution post-secondary program that includes at least two visual arts classes. (Proof of enrolment **must be** provided prior to release of an award to a recipient).
9. Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or person for whom they have volunteered.
10. Submit their application package to Sooke Fine Arts Society by 5:00 pm, May 15, 2025 (see contact info at the left).

The Process

Fill out the application form online (see link below), attach the required information as listed above and submit to the Sooke Fine Arts Society.

1. Applications must be received by the Sooke Fine Arts Society by May 15, 2025, to be eligible.
2. Successful applicant(s) will be notified on or before May 31, 2025.
3. Successful applicant(s) will be required to provide one piece of art to be displayed with student recognition winners during the duration of the show.
4. The Sooke Fine Arts Society reserves the right to withhold the awarding of any scholarship, if, in the opinion of the Society, no qualified applications are received in the academic year.
5. Scholarship opportunities will be advertised through scholarship advisors, teachers, and students at each of the four secondary schools in SD #62 and advertised on the SFAS website and social media sites, posters, and other promotional material.
6. A committee composed of two SFAS Board members and the Youth Art Lead will make the selection(s) and recommend to the SFAS Board, which upon approval, would authorize payment of the scholarship(s).
7. Successful applicant(s) will be invited to attend the Artist Celebration Event, where scholarship(s) will be awarded, on Friday, August 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke, BC.

Application Form

Please fill out the [online application form](https://sookefinearts.com/about-us/#youthartscholarship) . You can also access the form via our website: <https://sookefinearts.com/about-us/#youthartscholarship>

Note that the application must include:

- cover letter
- proof of registration at an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution
- high school transcript
- digital portfolio - 6-8 examples of artwork with description of each
- recommendation/reference letter
- letter verifying originality of student's work
- agreement to submit 2 – 3 art works to the 2025 Sooke Fine Arts Youth Arts Show