The School of Art awards scholarships to incoming freshmen in recognition of outstanding talent, leadership, and academic achievement. Applicants must complete and submit both the application for undergraduate admission to Ball State and the art program application. Applicants considering a major in art are encouraged to apply early in order to meet the deadlines for admission and scholarship consideration.

**First-Time Freshmen Art Scholarships** - Learn more at bsu.edu/art/scholarships

- **Presidential Scholarships in the Arts.** Indiana residents will receive $6,000 a year for a four year total of $24,000. Out-of-state students will receive $14,000 a year for a four year total of $56,000.
- **Fine Art Scholarships.** These awards are $1,000 per year (renewable) for a four year total of $4000.
- **Outstanding Freshmen Scholarships.** These awards are one-year (non-renewable) up to $1,000.

**Eligibility**
- Available to first-time freshmen entering fall semester that have been admitted to Ball State University.
- Pursue a major within the School of Art.
- Four-year scholarships require a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

**Selection**
- Scholarship recipients are selected by committee based on their portfolio of artwork, essay, academic ability, character, creativity, and potential for leadership.
- High School transcripts, grade point average (GPA), and SAT /ACT composite test scores submitted to Ball State Office of Admissions will be reviewed as part of the scholarship and art program application.
- Students must be admitted to Ball State University to be considered for all scholarships.

**Digital Portfolio**

Portfolio of **10—15 works of art submitted as a PowerPoint** presentation composed as a single PDF file. Only one portfolio needs to be submitted. Please do not send duplicates. Refer to portfolio guidelines on how to submit digital materials in the Procedures for Admission. bsu.edu/art/admission

**Inventory Sheet**

A one-page typed inventory sheet that lists the works submitted and corresponds to the order of the PowerPoint. Indicate the title, course (if applicable), medium, size, and date or term completed.

**Essay Guidelines**

The scholarship essay guidelines and images of artwork can be accessed at bsu.edu/art/essay. The essay will be read to determine your ability to examine artworks from more than one perspective, develop conclusions and/or theories, and effectively communicate your ideas.

**Recommendation Form**

Have your high school art teacher (preferred), teacher, or counselor complete the recommendation form (see reverse side). Letters of recommendation are not required; but if desired, may be attached to the recommendation form.

**Resume Guidelines**

Resumes should be neatly organized and must be typewritten in a readable font. Resumes should be limited to two pages. Refer to the sample information on the right.

Transcripts and test scores submitted to Ball State University will be reviewed as part of the scholarship and art program application.

**Key Dates**

**For First-Time Freshmen**

Deadlines for submitting your portfolio and scholarship materials:

- **February 11, 2017:** Open House and Portfolio Review. On this day students bring actual artwork to be reviewed for admission consideration. Advanced registration is required at bsu.edu/art/openhouse by Wednesday, February 8.
- **March 1, 2017:** Priority deadline for admission and freshman scholarship consideration. Scholarship materials must be submitted by this date to receive full consideration. Award winners are notified in April.

**Submitting Materials**

Submit any admission or scholarship consideration materials via email to artportfolio@bsu.edu. Students who want to be considered for art scholarships are encouraged to attend the Open House and Portfolio Review.

**Resume Sample**

- Name, address, phone number, and e-mail.
- High School(s) attended, address, and graduation date.
- **Art involvement** both in your community and High School (art exhibitions, competitions, and workshops).
- Summary of non-art activities (may include clubs, volunteer work, athletics, music, hobbies, and other skills or interests).
- Work experience (dates and place of employment)
- Travel and other life experiences.
- Name and phone number of references.

Ball State University Practices Equal Opportunity in Education and Employment.
First-Time Freshman:
Print your name and indicate your major area of interest in the blanks provided to the right. Then give this sheet to the person best qualified to assess your ability in the indicated area of your major interest. Have that person complete the form and send it directly to the School of Art at Ball State University.

To the Person Completing the Recommendation Form:
The named applicant is applying for admission to the School of Art Undergraduate Programs at Ball State University. Please fill in the information below, then rate the applicant in the provided categories. Honest responses are better than exaggerated ones. A first-time freshman art major will have both strengths and weaknesses. Thank you for your time in completing this recommendation. Upon completion please save it as a PDF using the following format: Students Last Name_First Initial_item you are sending (e.g., Smith_A_recommendation, Smith_A_letter) and email it to artportfolio@bsu.edu or send via postal mail to School of Art, Scholarship Committee, 1101 N. McKinley Avenue, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306-0405.

Recommender's Name: ____________________________  Employer/Institution and Position: ____________________________
Relationship to Applicant: ____________________________  Length of Relationship: ____________ years
Email Address: ____________________________________

Please rate the Applicant in relation to their stated major area of interest indicated above:

Potential to accomplish college level work 1 2 3 4 5
Imagination and creativity 1 2 3 4 5
Skill and craftsmanship in assignments and work 1 2 3 4 5
Ability to communicate his/her ideas verbally 1 2 3 4 5
Ability to meet deadlines and complete assignments promptly to accomplish college level work 1 2 3 4 5
Self-motivated to accomplish high interest indicated above: Low Average High
Additional Comments: ____________________________

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Signature  Date

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________
Last Name  First Initial  M.I.
Major Area of Interest: ____________________________________________

Sculpture  Visual Communication  Photography
Painting  Printmaking  Metal/Jewelry Design
Photography and Intermedia Arts  Animation
Ceramics  Drawing
Teaching: Visual Arts  Art History

Interest: ____________________________________________

First Name  Last Name  Date

Applicant: ____________________________________________
Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________