

**FOR: STUDENTS, GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND ART INSTRUCTORS**  
**FROM: THE VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF THE VILLAGES, FL**  
**RE: ART SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018**  
**DUE DATE: MARCH 17, 2018**

We welcome your interest in our Visual Art Scholarships being offered for graduating high school seniors. To date we have given over \$106,000 in aid to local winners. This year we will be awarding a minimum of \$1,000 and up to \$4,000 to graduating seniors who will be majoring in the visual arts. Examples of these majors being: Graphic Design, Architecture, Industrial Design, Photography, Fashion, Computer Animation, Painting & Illustration, Art History, Ceramics, and Art Education and others.

**\*\*Applicants must fulfill our criteria by submitting the following:**

- **A portfolio of examples (with various art accomplishments)** in a variety of media. **Good quality CDs of this art (in JPEG Format)** are to be sent with the application. Actual portfolios are shown at interviews.\* Please see guideline sheets for submitting art and its presentation. No less than 12 and no more than 20 works on CDs.
- **A Statement of Intent** as to the student's chosen field of interest or direction.
- **Our Application** correctly filled out with biographical/ contact information: **Student must reside in Lake, Marion, or Sumter Co.**
- **Transcript of student's high school coursework**, including the most recent semester of study, also honors, and class standing.\* **GPA must be a 3.0 or better.**
- **Two letters of recommendation** from individuals who have knowledge of such things as the student's talent, goals, character, employment and reliability.

(please no family references)

**\*Candidates will first be screened by the Scholarship Committee via the CDs and review of the student's application . Finalists will move forward for personal interviews.** This group will be notified by E-mail or phone, of their appointment and given further instructions. **\*Finalists will be interviewed, and show their actual art work in The Villages. Winners will be contacted thereafter of awards toward college expenses. The committee will be looking for... and impressed with.... excellent art work, honors & accomplishments....also an informative and mature, personal presentation.**

**Students, we look forward to seeing your work, and speaking with you about your goals and future art education plans. \*Check the above directions carefully before you submit your application packet.**

**\*These scholarships are only for Students majoring in ART**

Sincerely, Mrs. Helen Poor, Chairperson ( 352 561 4474 ) helenpoor@comcas.net