



INFORMATION FORM

TOE RIVER ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS

The Toe River Arts Council (TRAC) Scholarships for the Arts, made possible by funding from the OMC Foundation to an Endowment Fund held by the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, are awarded to individuals from Yancey or Mitchell County, North Carolina who are pursuing higher education degrees in arts or arts education.

Scholarships

Multiple scholarships are awarded annually under the title of Toe River Arts Council Scholarships for the Arts. Awards are open to graduating Mountain Heritage High School or Mitchell High School seniors, and to residents of Yancey or Mitchell County, North Carolina who are pursuing a higher education degree program for arts or arts education.

Each scholarship will be paid directly to the degree-based institution of the applicant's attendance.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolling in a higher education degree program for arts or arts education. Multiple awards may be made each year. Awards are presented to Mountain Heritage or Mitchell High School seniors graduating in the year of the award or to other eligible applicants from Yancey or Mitchell County pursuing a higher education degree program.

Preference is given to former OMC employees or descendants of former OMC employees. Past employment documentation is required with submissions to receive preferential review.

Previous Toe River Arts Council Scholarships for the Arts award winners are not eligible to receive another award.

Applications

Applications are due no later than April 1 in the year of the award and winners are announced by mid May of the same year.

In addition to the application forms required for submittal, applicants will be asked to present work that best exemplifies the extent and quality of their past accomplishments. Examples of acceptable entries include: ceramics, drawing, graphic design, jewelry, painting, print making, sculpture, textile and fabric design, drama, music, and creative writing, as well as other media and form. Please contact TRAC for questions about eligible entries and requirements for appropriate submission (e.g., slides, photos, writing samples, recitals, etc.). Portfolios of work are accepted as long as the total number of objects is limited to ten. Submissions do not have to be related to the category of degree program to be eligible. For example, the applicant may submit a sculpture even if they are accepted to a photography program.

There is no application fee for submittal. No late applications will be accepted.



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Basis for Award

A panel of judges comprised of Toe River Arts Council Board Members and resident artists will review and evaluate all submissions. The evaluation of submissions will be based upon a submittal which demonstrates original thinking, an artistic commitment and a willingness to take creative risks.

All decisions made by the panel will be considered final.

More Information

Please contact the Toe River Arts Council for more information. We can be reached at the following offices listed below or online at www.toeriverarts.org. TRAC is located at 102 West Main Street in Burnsville and on 269 Oak Avenue in Spruce Pine. Both TRAC facilities are open 10 to 5 pm, Mondays through Saturdays.

Burnsville Location

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