



## **INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM TOE RIVER ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS**

Toe River Arts Scholarship for the Arts, made possible by funding from the Outboard Marine Corporation (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 in arts or arts education. Each scholarship will be paid directly to the degree-based institution of the applicant's attendance.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Multiple scholarships are awarded annually under the title of the Toe River Arts Council Scholarships for the Arts. Awards are open to graduating Mountain Heritage High School and Mitchell High School seniors (graduating in the year of the award), and to adult residents of Yancey or Mitchell County, North Carolina, who are pursuing higher education for arts or arts education and who are enrolled or in the process of enrolling. Multiple awards may be made each year. (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 apply.

### **BASIS FOR AWARD**

A panel of judges comprised of Toe River Arts Board Members will review and evaluate all submissions. Submissions will be evaluated based upon original thinking, artistic commitment, and a willingness to take creative risks. All decisions made by the panel will be considered final.

### **APPLICATIONS**

**Applications are due MAY 1.** 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. Examples can be the actual work or high quality, clear photographs or digital images of the work. Each example must be accompanied by title, medium, and date of completion. Please contact the Toe River Arts Council for questions about eligible entries and requirements for appropriate submissions (e.g. photos, writing samples, recitals, etc.). Portfolios of work should include not less than five (5) but not more than ten (10) samples. Submissions do not have to be related to the category of degree program to be eligible but can represent the applicant's overall abilities. (Ex., applicant may submit a sculpture even if they are accepted to a photography program.) If applicant is turned down for admission, the scholarship will not be allocated. Additionally, if the applicant withdraws from the arts related program, the scholarship will be returned to Toe River Arts by the granting institution.

In addition to the completed application and sample submission, each applicant will submit a letter of referral from a teacher, school counselor, or professional reference discussing applicant's arts related higher educational goals.

## Applications must include:

- Fully completed form
- Physical example of work (includes both 2D and 3D art formats)
- Visual arts (includes both 2D and 3D art formats)
  - Literary
  - Performing arts (written explanation of the event or performance)
  - Instrumental Applicants: please submit a CD or link to computer dropbox/youtube of a performance that includes the following requirements:
    - Two pieces that reflect two different genres. For example, a classical piece, a jazz piece, a Broadway tune, or a piece by a contemporary composer. One of the pieces should be a composition specifically composed for your instrument. **Both pieces combined should not exceed five (5) minutes in performance time.**
    - You may choose to use an accompanist on one of your pieces, but this is not required.
    - The pieces do not have to be performed by memory.
  - Vocal Applicants: please submit a CD or link to computer dropbox/youtube of a performance that includes the following requirements:
    - At least one of your pieces must include an accompaniment. The accompaniment could be a piano or guitar. The accompanist could be your private teacher or anyone that usually accompanies you.
    - The pieces do not have to be performed by memory.

## MORE INFORMATION

Please contact the Toe River Arts Council for more information. Applications are available here on our website to download. If you have any questions, you may email our Community Outreach Coordinator, Melanie Finlayson at [melanie@toeriverarts.org](mailto:melanie@toeriverarts.org) or call 828.765.0524.

## APPLICATION

**The application deadline is April 1 at 5:00 pm in either of the Toe River Arts offices (102 W. Main St., Burnsville or 269 Oak Ave., Spruce Pine). The original of this form and all associated work is required at the time of the submittal.**

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Name

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Street Address

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City/Zip

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E-mail

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Phone (day)

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Phone (evening)

What county do you live in?    Mitchell    Yancey

I have lived there since: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year)

Scholarship Choice (check appropriate box)

- I am a Mitchell High School senior
- I am a Mountain Heritage High School senior
- I am an adult Mitchell or Yancey county resident

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Name of college or arts institute you are or plan on attending

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Contact name at the Arts or Arts Education College or Institution (please print)

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College or Institution Contact Phone

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E-mail

If applicable, please provide an explanation relating to OMC connection:

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Judging Category: (e.g. painting, short stories, ceramics, drama, music, etc.)

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### NARRATIVE

- Briefly describe your career goals. Please use separate sheet. (One sheet).
- Describe how you plan to use your arts or arts education to advance your career. Please use separate sheet. (One sheet).

### ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to above, applicants are asked to present from five (5) to ten (10) samples of their work that best exemplify the extent and quality of their past accomplishments. Examples of acceptable entries can include; ceramics, drawing, graphic design, jewelry, painting, printmaking, sculpture, textile, and fabric design, drama, music, and creative writing, as well as other media and form. Please contact Toe River Arts for any questions about eligible entries and requirements (e.g., digital images, photos, writing samples, recitals, etc.).

Applications are accepted at either of the Toe River Arts Galleries (Burnsville–102 W. Main St. Spruce Pine–269 Oak Ave.). Both Toe River Arts facilities are open 10:30 to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. For questions regarding application/submission, please call 828.682.7215 or email [melanie@toeriverarts.org](mailto:melanie@toeriverarts.org).

**Completed applications may be dropped off at either location above or mailed to Toe River Arts, 269 Oak Ave, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.**

**CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSIONS**

The information contained in this application, including all attachments and supporting materials, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that although all appropriate care will be taken of the supporting materials, the Toe River Arts Council cannot be held responsible for possible damage to these materials. I grant permission for the Toe River Arts Council representatives to contact my arts or arts education institution/college to verify my enrollment in a degree-based program of study.

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Applicant (Please print)

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Applicant Signature

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Social Security Number

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Date

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