



SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE PACKET

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are not to be looked at as a replacement for federal student loans or grants. However, do not overlook their advantages. Many scholarships go unclaimed because students thought they couldn't win, didn't make the time, or missed important deadlines and application requirements. Below you'll find scholarships available at Virginia Marti College of Art and Design and a few found through the Cleveland Foundation.

Feel free to visit the Foundation Center in downtown Cleveland, a valuable resource available at no charge. The Foundation Center will assist in your scholarship search and is located at 1422 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, 44115, 216.861.1934. www.foundationcenter.org

Scholarships are plentiful!

Virginia Marti College Foundation Scholarship

WHO MAY APPLY?

Any student, regardless of age, race, gender, or design major who has been accepted and enrolled into VMCAD may submit an application. Scholarships will be announced at the start of the Fall Term 2012.

.Scholarship Guidelines for students applying for the VMCF Scholarship

- GPA of at least 2.8 (for high school students who have graduated within the last three years) OR resume (for adult students out of school three years or longer).
- Three letters of recommendation required, on business letterhead, unless coming from a friend. One must be from an employer; one from a high school or college faculty member. The third letter can be an individual of your choosing (no relation). *** If applicant is a home schooled graduate, submit letters from individuals who have played an active role in your education. *If applicant is an adult student out of school three years or longer, provide two letters from present or past employers and one from an individual of your choosing (no relation).**
- Demonstrate financial need (not reflected on your most recent FAFSA) OR outstanding skill (Include photos of portfolio samples).

Application and all required documents must be submitted and postmarked by August 10, 2012. *INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED.

Return application to: Virginia Marti College Foundation /Attention: Marlene
c/o Virginia Marti College of Art and Design 11724 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44107

Clifton Arts & Musicfest Student Scholarship

<http://www.cudell.com/ArtScholarshipProgramApplication.pdf>

The scholarship was established to recognize and reward artistic excellence by providing financial assistance to art students.

Scholarship Award:

Up to two (2) \$750 scholarships will be awarded

Eligibility: Any high school senior or college student enrolled in an accredited arts education program.

Entry Process: **1.** Applicant must complete a Scholarship application; **2.** No fee required; **3.** Applicant must submit a portfolio of not more than five (5) original pieces (NO SLIDES). Each item must be clearly labeled with name; **4.** Flat pieces must be matted; **5.** No assistance is available for transporting pieces into the judging site. Fragile pieces are discouraged due to the possibility of breakage and are submitted at your own risk; **6.** To secure return of portfolios, entrants must provide suitable, self-addressed mailer with sufficient postage affixed, or entrant must make arrangements for pick-up during regular business hours by calling 216-228-4383

Selection Process: Judging will be done during the first two weeks of June. The selection of winner(s) will be based upon the applicants originality, creativity (no work from molds, kits, or other commercial methods), and craftsmanship.

Entry Deadline May, 2012

The Scholastic Art & Writing Scholarship

Virginia Marti College of Art and Design will award up to one \$8000 scholarship (\$1000 per academic quarter) based on completion of admissions requirements, academic merit, and portfolio review.

Requirements:

- Applicant must enroll as a full time student
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Essay directed to Mrs. Virginia Marti Veith, president of VMCAD, on why field of interest was chosen
- Two letters of recommendation
- Scholarship renewable quarterly for a total of \$8000

<http://www.artandwriting.org/>

Deadline: Decision of high school art department

\$4000 Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools

The Association of Career Colleges and Schools will award one \$4000 scholarship in *each discipline*: Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising, Interior Design, Graphic Design, and Digital Media. Details are available through student's high school guidance department.

Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Minimum GPA 2.5 (continued on next page)

- Must be a graduating high school senior
Deadline: April 2, 2012
- To download an application, access www.ohiocareercolleges.org then click on the scholarship button to download the application.
- ***Please Note***: The legislative nomination form, which is part of the application process, must be signed by your state representative, therefore, fax the application to your local state representative, for their signature, and then have it returned to you.

OACCS Workforce Tuition Scholarship www.ohiocareercolleges.org

Application available in May 2012 for school year commencing in the Fall 2012 (contact your admissions representative for further information)

Local Scholarship Banks (Greater Cleveland Area):

Cleveland Scholarship Program Inc: www.cspohio.org

- Lists programs, scholarships, and assistance available from CSP. Also consider working in the CSP Resource Center, open 6 days a week, additional online materials, databases, and personal assistance.
- The Resource Center is open to any student and assistance will be provided to help them search out specific and unique scholarship opportunities. They are located in downtown Cleveland.
 - Resource Center Hours: M-F: 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. and 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
 - Address: The BP Tower, Suite # 3820, 200 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44144
 - Phone: 216.241.5587 Fax: 216.241.6184 Email: jwerner@cspohio.org

The Cleveland Foundation: <http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/Scholarships/>

Thanks to the vision and generosity of many donors, the Cleveland Foundation offers a variety of scholarships to eligible applicants. Many scholarships are available, with some awarding amounts up to \$5,000. These scholarships have varied and diverse criteria.

- While most are for graduating seniors attending institutions of higher education, others enable individuals to pursue professional and personal development opportunities.
- Please note the following universal eligibility criteria:
 - Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident with permanent resident card
 - Must be attending an accredited educational institution
 - Must reside in Cuyahoga, Lake, or Geauga counties (unless otherwise noted)
 - Scholarship information for 2009-2010 academic year can be found at the following website:

<http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/Scholarships/2009-10ScholarshipInformation.html>

- **Specific scholarships are designated for students from the following schools:**
 - Solon High School: Leonard A. and Helen Russell Bretschneider Scholarship
 - Ashton High School: Kathy Brooks Scholarship
 - Glenville High School: Byrne-Rubin Family Trust Scholarship
 - Triway High School: Timothy Allen Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
 - Wickliffe High School: Vince Federico Memorial Scholarship
 - Elyria High School: Ada Gates Stevens Scholarship
 - Shaw High School: Virginia Jones Memorial Scholarship
 - Collinwood High School: Alton LaMaur Character Memorial Scholarship
 - Cleveland Hts. High School: Jon Lewis Annual Scholarship & The Women's Civic Club of Cleveland Hts. Scholarship
 - Aurora High School: Arthur P. and Ruth H. Moebius Scholarship
 - Brush High School: Anna M. Roth Scholarship
 - Shaker Hts. High School: Jack Rumbaugh Scholarship
 - Westlake High School: Christina Sunga Ryook Scholarship
 - Wynford High School: Lt. (JG) Donald Richard Powers Memorial Scholarship
- Children of police officers, firefighters and paramedics living in the cities of Bay Village, North Olmsted, Westlake, Lakewood, Rocky River, and Fairview Park: The Northwest Emergency Team Fund Scholarship & The Superintendent's Award from the Inez & Harry Clement Fund
- Residence of Painesville or Painesville Tnshp, OH: Harriet B. Storrs Scholarship

Scholarship Banks National & Broad in Scope

Scholarships.com: www.scholarships.com

- At this website you can create a profile and get personalized information on college scholarships and grants that match you! This college scholarship database is updated constantly, offering the most current, relevant and accurate college scholarship opportunities. Here you will find scholarships based on your academics, talents & interests.
 - Address: 473 Central Ave., Suite #6, Highland Park, IL 60035
 - Phone: 847.432.1700 Fax: 847.432.4811 Email: edu@scholarships.com

College Board- Connect to College Success: www.collegeboard.com

- Planning tools, college search, paying for college, and online PROFILE form, promotes College Board Publications and programs.
- This site provides online tools to help you locate scholarships, internships, grants, and loans that match your education level, talents, and background. Complete the brief questionnaire and Scholarship Search to find potential opportunities. They have a database of more than **2,300** sources of college funders, **totaling nearly \$3 BILLION** in available aid!
- Follow this link to go directly to the "Paying for College" section:
http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

College Net: www.collegenet.com

- Planning tools and checklists, scholarship information, college search, financial planning.
- This site is committed to help students and parents break the tuition barrier! On this site you can look for scholarships that match your *personal profile*. Provide as little or as much information as you want to find the scholarships that you are most qualified to receive.

College-Scholarships.com: http://www.collegescholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm

- This site provides links to more than 40 free, online scholarship search sites listing thousands of scholarships and financial aid awards worth billions of dollars. Just visit the sites which seem most appropriate for you and find the scholarships for which you are a good match.

FastWeb: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

- Though this site offers “free services,” students and parents should know that by filling out the online profile, they also agree to be reached by colleges and/or marketing partners.

Free-4u Scholarships: <http://www.free-4u.com/>

- There are several main categories to choose from here. They do have a state-by-state listing as well. To view various scholarships for Ohio residents go to: http://www.free-4u.com/ohio_resident_scholarships.htm

Free Scholarships: <http://www.freescholarships.com/>

- Basically a web site that lists lots of other websites which provide various scholarships.

Get Colleged: <http://www.getcolleged.com/>

- This website explains the difference between Grants and Scholarships. Not a site that leads to specific grants and scholarships – ultimately leads to FAFSA on the web – the main source of government funding.

Go College: <http://www.gocollege.com/financial-aid/scholarships/>

- Basically – this is a site that helps you know where to go and how to go about getting scholarships. Has good information on a wide range of topics concerning the financial side of funding one's education.

Google: www.google.com

- The most complete source. It will search over 8 billion websites very rapidly and usually gives too many sources. Start out with a general listing and then add modifying words like “freshman” or “Ohio” or “minority” or “female” to narrow your search.

SallieMae Scholarship Search:

http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship_search.jsp

- This site is a large search engine that is continuously updated which provides personalized scholarship information sorted according to academic level, population group, and subject.
- After students fill out a personal profile – specific scholarships are filtered to fit students unique profile and areas of educational interest.

Scholarship Coach.com: <http://www.winscholarships.com/>

- Q: How is searching for scholarships like shopping for food at your favorite grocery store?
- A: When you go to the grocery store, you can buy food for just your next meal—or you can plan ahead for subsequent meals. Likewise, you can leverage your efforts by searching for scholarships for future years at the same time as you look for immediate opportunities.
- This site teaches you how to make the most of database searches: Very helpful info!

College Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Disability Scholarships US: <http://www.disabilityscholarships.us/college-scholarships-for-students-with-disabilities/>

- A wide range of scholarships can be accessed for students that are Hearing Impaired, Blind, Visually Impaired, or have various Learning Disabilities.

Cleveland Foundation: <http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/Scholarships/>

- Paris J. Mosley Scholarship
- Others

Scholarships for Special Situations: <http://www.free-4u.com/prod02.htm>

- This site provides numerous links to specific scholarship funds for students facing diverse and unique circumstances.

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