

Merion Mercy Academy

S. Ethel Sweeney Fine Arts Scholarship

Policies for Art Scholarship Recipient

One student will be selected for a fine arts scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 for each year they attend Merion Mercy Academy. The student who receives an art scholarship is expected to be an integral part of the visual arts program and must fulfill the following requirements each year. Art Scholars will be required to:

- Participate in the Art Major Program grades ten through twelve. N.B. If the recipient's ninth grade schedule permits, Principles of Design 1 or Drawing may be taken.
- Act as a leader and a role model for her peers in art class.
- Apply herself earnestly toward an excellence in art by maintaining a B+ average in art courses.
- Maintain academic honors each semester or a B+ average overall in her academic studies.
- Participate in Open House each year by assisting with setup in the art rooms, demonstrate current art projects in progress, and represent the art program in the Art and Design Center during Open House tours.
- Participate actively and assume leadership role in Merion's National Art Honor Society giving service to both school and global communities.
- Join Stage Crew to help with set design, set painting, and/or lights and sound for the Merion Mercy Music Theater productions. (If a cast member, exempt from this requirement.)
- Design promotional materials for annual school functions and special events requiring art or graphic design, in the form of posters, ads, and program covers.
- Assist the art department chairperson in the setup of displays for the Annual Fine Arts Exhibit.

Application Process for Fine Arts Scholarship

For consideration, the applicant must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the Art Scholarship application.
2. Register and sit for the Scholarship and Entrance Exam.
3. Create an original Mercy Core Value piece of artwork detailed below. Sign your work clearly.
4. Photograph your Mercy Core Value artwork.
5. Save your art as a jpeg labeled with your name (ex: *your name art.jpg*).
6. Attach and send the Mercy Core Value artwork photo (labeled and in jpeg format only) and the Fine Arts Scholarship application form (can be scanned or take a photo of it and send as a jpeg) to artscholarship@merion-mercy.com by October 15, 2021. An email confirmation will follow the receipt of your application and photo of artwork.

ARTWORK ILLUSTRATING A MERCY CORE VALUE

At Merion Mercy Academy, we live our mission and core values every day. Each student is empowered to live her life with Mercy and to change the world in diversely positive ways. Merion Mercy Academy's curriculum stresses mercy spirituality, global awareness and social responsibility. We live and stand by these Mercy Core Values:

- Spiritual Growth and Development
- Compassion and Service
- Concern for Women and Women's Issues
- Collaboration with Others
- Global Vision and Responsibility
- Educational Excellence

Choose one of the six core values listed above that inspires you to create. Then illustrate what these words mean to you by preparing an original piece of art expressing your interpretation of your chosen Mercy Core Value. Do not include any actual words or letters in your artwork. Your submission must be your own work without the use of borrowed or internet images.

Medium: You may use any two-dimensional visual form you wish: drawing (pencil, colored pencil, marker), painting (watercolor, acrylic, oil), mixed media collage, printmaking, photography.

Dimensions: 8½ x 10" or 9 x 12", landscape or portrait orientation.

Semifinalists will be contacted soon after October 15, 2021 and will be required to virtually visit Merion Mercy via a Zoom interview to be scheduled the week of October 25, 2021. At this virtual interview and portfolio presentation, the semi-finalist is to present on screen a slide show (PowerPoint or Google Slides) of photos of five (5) actual artworks (see examples below). These artworks should represent appropriate skills in a range of different media and should only include the best work. A strong portfolio *might* include any one of the following:

- Self-portrait drawing in pencil or charcoal
- Landscape painting in oils, acrylic or watercolor
- Still-life drawing in color pencil
- Mixed media abstract collage
- Print (any printmaking process)
- Photograph
- Sculpture: 3-D work may be included in the portfolio as photos taken from several angles.

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Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Remember: submit both a photo of your artwork illustrating a Mercy Core Value with this application.
What is the name of the attached Mercy Core Value artwork photo? (*your name art.jpg*) _____

Which of the Mercy Core Values inspired your artwork? _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____

Current Art Teacher's Name: _____

Current School: _____

School Address: _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____

N.B. Please submit your application and a picture of your Mercy Core Value artwork to the following email: artscholarship@merion-mercy.com. All materials are due by October 15, 2021.