

“Top of the Heap 2015” Ashcan Studio of Art Scholarship APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Application Deadline: March 10, 2015.

Recipients announced in April 1, 2015.

2. Eligibility:

Students in 9th–12th grade and Young Adults (ages 18-25) currently participating or alumni of any Joan Mitchell Foundation Art Education classes who meet **some or all** of the following criteria may apply for the Joan Mitchell Foundation Scholarship:

- Participated in Joan Mitchell Foundation programming for at least two years.
- Past participation in Summer Portfolio Intensive.
- Family income must be under \$80,000.
- Applicants in the 11th grade and Young Adults 18-25 should be planning to pursue a college education in Art, Design, Architecture or related field.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a cumulative high school GPA of 2.8 or higher, but we will also take into consideration students with lesser GPAs

3. Scholarship Awards:

Two Summer Intensive scholarships will be awarded to students in the 9th or 10th grade to participate in a 9 week summer art making session at the Ashcan Studio of Art.

Which includes:

- 9 weeks summer intensive program of hands-on instruction (three 4-hour art classes per week)
- Professional photographs of artwork created at Ashcan

One College Portfolio Scholarship will be awarded to an 11-12th grader or Young Adult age 18-25 to the Ashcan Studio of Art, which includes:

- One full year of College Portfolio Preparation classes (three or more 4- hour classes per week during the school year)
- Summer intensive of at least 5 classes per week
- Professional photographs of portfolio for college applications
- Mentoring, planning & assistance with the college application process.

4. Application Process:

Application Form

Complete application form, be sure to sign and date or have a parent or guardian sign and date the form if you're under 18.

Image Samples

JPEG or weblink (i.e. Tumblr, blog, etc.) with 8-10 jpeg images of the applicants' best work and an image list including: title, date completed, medium used, size for each image submitted

Essay

A one page or less essay addressing the following:

- (all applicants) Why are you interested in pursuing an education in art and/or design?
- (applicants whose GPA is below 2.8) Please address the circumstances surrounding your grades and how you are working towards a successful career.
- (applicants whose GPA is 2.8 & above) A copy of most recent high school transcript or an official letter from your guidance counselor stating your accumulative GPA up to this point. (Preference will be given to those applicants with higher GPAs however applicants showing promise in the visual arts, regardless of grades, will be considered for the scholarship and should feel encouraged to apply.)

Submitting Application Materials:

All materials must be submitted online to arted@joanmitchellfoundation.org

Applications can also be dropped off in person to:

- Joan Mitchell Foundation Education & Research Center
137 West 25th Street, 2nd Floor
(Between 6th and 7th Ave)
New York, NY 10001

Questions about your application:

Please contact José Ortiz <jortiz@joanmitchellfoundation.org>

Specifications

- One grand prize awarded to the 11th grade & up category. Winner may choose to study at Ashcan Studio of Art's Manhattan, Little Neck or Flushing campuses.
- Three grand prizes awarded to 9th & 10th graders. Winners may choose to study at at Ashcan Studio of Art's Manhattan, Little Neck or Flushing campuses.
- 2nd & 3rd Place Runners Up will receive art supply awards; we will select two runners up for each category at each location