

The Friends of Visual Arts Scholarships/Grants

Student Awards: *The Friends of the Visual Arts supports five scholarships and one grant program to support students in the School of Art.*

- **Nacogdoches County High School Art Scholarship**

One \$750 award each year is given to an outstanding Nacogdoches County High School Senior who will be entering the SFA School of Art in the fall. Interested students should complete the online scholarship application through the School of Art web site - <http://www.art.sfasu.edu/friends>.

Additionally, students should submit a digital portfolio to the SFA School of Art by the scholarship deadline of March 31..

- **Incoming Student Scholarships**

Two \$750 awards are given each year to two incoming undergraduate (freshman or transfer) or graduate students who will be entering the SFA School of Art in the fall or spring and recommended by a SFA faculty member. This scholarship is designed to recruit outstanding incoming students, based upon need and potential for outstanding achievement within the department. This scholarship will be awarded based upon the recommendation of the SFA School of Art Scholarship Committee and the recommendation of the chair of the School of Art Scholarship committee. The purpose of these scholarships is to support promising students who entered the School of Art outside the February 1 deadline for SFA Scholarships.

To apply for the scholarship, the student will submit to the chair of the School of Art Scholarship Committee:

- A letter justifying the request
- 2 letters of recommendation from studio art teachers, at least one of which must be from a teacher outside SFA
- a portfolio of 10-15 works, actual work, photos or JPG's on a CD or website. If the work is labor intensive, such as sculpture or art metal, submit at least 6 works.

Deadlines for applications are

- February 1 if first enrolled in the SFA School of Art during that spring semester
- October 1 if first enrolled in the SFA School of Art during that fall semester
- July 1 if first enrolled in the SFA School of Art during that Maymester or either summer semester

- **Out-of-State Graduate Student Scholarship**

One \$1,000 award is available each year to an outstanding out-of-state graduate student entering the SFA School of Art. This award will allow the out-of-state student to be eligible for in-state tuition. The award will be awarded based on the

recommendation of the Art Graduate Advisor. The student will apply for the scholarship through the existing scholarship application process for the School of Art plus by addressing two additional essay questions regarding what they hope to acquire from studying art at SFA and what they can contribute to SFA and the local art community while enrolled.

- **Friendship Grants**

Grants are available to art students to support: books or art supplies required for a student's study or career advancement; travel related to a student's coursework or career advancement (e.g. professional conference) or to a co-curricular activity; or conference fees for professional conferences. Grants are available for up to \$400.00 per year for an individual student. Interested students should obtain a grant application form from the chair of the SFA School of Art Scholarship Committee or access the online application on the School of Art website.

- **Retired School of Art Professor Scholarships for Students:**

The FVA has established scholarships in the name of retiring SFA School of Art Professors who were employed in the School of Art for minimum of 10 years before retirement and who contributed in a significant way to the mission of the Friends of the Visual Arts board and its fund raising activities, such as consistently donating art for our fund raisers, by providing monetary assistance, or by serving on FVA committees or Board. We currently offer two scholarships, each for \$1,000 each year. The scholarships are awarded based on faculty recommendations. The current scholarships are:

1. **The Charles D. Jones Art Scholarship** – This scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to a Junior, Senior, or Graduate level student with drawing or printmaking as his/her major study area. Students must show initiative and a broad appreciation of all of the Fine Arts with a concentration on printmaking.
2. **The Gary Q. Fields Art Scholarship** – This scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to a student who is a current SFA student in degree or diploma courses within the School of Art or graduate students in those areas. Students must demonstrate an exemplary work ethic, show versatility in the use of media and technics in two or more areas, and show innovation and quality in their work to be eligible for this scholarship.
3. **The Robert Kinsell Art Scholarship** – This scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to a student who is a current SFA undergraduate student with 60 hours toward an art degree, including hours in which they are currently enrolled. The student must have a major area of study in painting or photography.

Each student who receives one of these scholarships will be asked to donate a piece of art to at least one of the FVA fund raising auctions.

Faculty Grants: *The SFA Friends of the Visual Arts Board (FVA) provides a limited number financial assistance grants to faculty members of the SFA School of Art in order to aid them in furthering their educational and professional goals in the field of art. The*

awards will be determined y by the Scholarship Committee of the Friends of the Visual Arts Board with consultation with the Director of the School of Art.

- We will award three grants each year - one for each semester. Deadlines for submitting grant proposals are: September 1, February 1, and May 1.
- The maximum award will be \$500 per grant.
- The purpose of these grants is to support faculty projects and development not funded by other resources. Examples of support would be providing funds for guest speakers/artists or community lecturers, innovative classroom activities or workshops, and faculty shows/exhibitions directly benefitting SFA students or the Nacogdoches community.