



Sonoran Arts League 2026 Visual Arts Scholarship

Entry Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026

Overview:

The Sonoran Arts League Visual Arts Scholarship was created to encourage the artistic development of outstanding high school seniors, recent high school graduates, and college-aged students who have excelled in the visual arts field and who have enrolled in higher education and plan to continue their artistic studies. \$6,000 will be awarded in 2026 in one or more scholarships depending on the number of successful applicants.

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior with a GPA of 2.5 or better, a recently graduated high school student, or currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
- The applicant must be planning to enroll in a university, college, community college, or accredited school of design either full time or part time.
- The applicant must register for one visual arts class their freshman year.
- The applicant must be a legal resident of the State of Arizona.

Application Details

The applicant must submit the following documentation for consideration:

- Completed application form.
- Official high school or college transcript including the cumulative GPA.
- One-page essay, double spaced, about the applicant's school and community-based art experiences, goals, and accomplishments.
- Portfolio of original artwork (digital or physical) including at least six (6) and no more than ten (10) examples of the applicant's work.

- Documentation of the artistic process used when creating works such as a sketchbook. Digital files and/or photographs of the work processes that support the individual exploration and development of ideas are also acceptable in place of a sketchbook.

If a physical portfolio is submitted

- All art should be identified with the artist's name and phone number on the back of the artwork.
- 2-D art is to be matted or mounted on a neutral board or background and delivered in a portfolio.
- 3-D art is to be delivered in a box. For exceptionally large 3-D pieces that cannot be moved, photographs may be submitted as part of the portfolio. Photographs may be printed or submitted digitally in JPEG format on a flash drive.
- Physical portfolios may be mailed or delivered in person:
 - Mailed entries must arrive by Friday, April 10, 2026, and should be addressed to:

Sonoran Arts League
c/o Scholarship Committee
7100 E Cave Creek Rd, Suite 144
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

- Physical portfolios may be dropped off on: Tuesday, April 7th, Wednesday, April 8th, Thursday, April 9th between the hours of 9am – 4pm at:

Sonoran Arts League Studio
Stagecoach Village
7100 E Cave Creek Rd, Suite 144
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
480.488.2307

- Physical portfolios may be picked up on Friday, April 17th, between the hours of 9am – 4pm.
- The League will not mail portfolios back to the applicant.

If a digital portfolio is submitted:

- All digital files should be submitted via email in a zipped folder or Google Drive file, sent to scholarship@Sonoranartsleague.org with the applicant's name and "2026 Visual Arts Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

- Artwork files should be identified with the artist's name and the title of the piece.
 - 2-D art should be photographed on a neutral background.
 - 3-D art should be photographed on a neutral background from several angles.

All applicants will be notified of the scholarship awards by email on or before Thursday, April 30th.

Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipient

Please read carefully. By applying for this scholarship, you agree that if funds are awarded you will abide by the following terms and conditions:

Scholarship funds will be sent directly, by check to the recipient's designated university, college, community college, or accredited school of design upon verification of registration in at least one (1) art course for freshman year. Funds shall be applied toward tuition only and are available only during the 2026-2027 school year.

Each semester of the 2026-2027 school year the following information must be sent via email to the Sonoran Arts League: secretary@sonoranartsleague.org

- Name of the institution of higher education
- Student's school ID number
- Address of the Scholarship & Financial Aid Office
- Student's current mailing address
- Student's current email address
- An official copy of the student's class schedule
- An official copy of the student's tuition receipt/class fees

Verification of registration in at least one (1) art course in your freshman year is required. If the student withdraws or drops out, they agree to reimburse the tuition to the Sonoran Arts League Scholarship Fund for the full value of the original award, within thirty (30) days.



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Applicant Information:

Applicant's Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Mailing Address:	
Address Line 2:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Email:	

Projected Institution of Higher Learning

School Name:	
School Address:	
Address Line 2:	

By submitting this application, I give consent to the Sonoran Arts League to utilize photos of my artwork, myself, or my essay for marketing, press releases, and media announcements.

Applicant Signature:	
Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:	



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- Completed Application Form.

- Official high school transcript, including cumulative GPA.

- One-page typed essay, double spaced, on the applicant's school and community-based art experiences, goals, and accomplishments.

- Digital or physical portfolio of work, documenting the artistic process.

- Documentation of the artistic process used when creating the work, such as a sketchbook or photographs.