



BRUNSWICK ARTS COUNCIL

Celebrate, Cultivate, Community Outreach

Brunswick Arts Council Scholarship Program Application 2026

Deadline: Thursday, April 30, 2026

A) Purpose:

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to assist deserving students seeking to begin higher education and/or vocational studies beyond secondary education. The program will seek Brunswick County Schools', non traditional Homeschool, and Charter School student applicants from various social, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds, who are interested in educational opportunities for scholarships that will empower those recipients to become informed and educated contributors to society. Students should demonstrate an interest in the Fine Arts through fine art courses taken, outside interests, etc. However, they do not have to indicate an interest in majoring in the arts or actually working in the arts, just a continued interest in the arts.

B) Funding:

The Scholarship Committee will select finalists from which to determine the recipient(s) of the \$1,000.00 scholarships. This year 2 or more finalists will be selected for scholarship funding.



BAC, in partnership with GFWC-South Brunswick Islands Woman's Club, annually presents this scholarship to a West Brunswick High School graduating senior who best meets the established criteria of this scholarship program. This \$1,000 scholarship is funded by the BAC and GFWC-SBI.

C) Scholarship Committee Obligations:

The Committee will distribute scholarship instructions and applications to all Brunswick County High Schools as well as make available materials online. No fewer than two committee members will come from the Board of the Brunswick Arts Council. All committee members (up to 5 in total) will review the scholarship application materials of applicants. After the review process, the committee will select the finalists and ultimate winner(s). All information received by the committee will be considered confidential.

D) Applicant Requirements:

1. Must be graduating high school senior from Brunswick County Schools, charter school or accredited NC homeschool program
2. Must have proof of acceptance as an entering full-time student to a college or university, junior/community college, or vocational school
3. Must show fine arts' experience in school and/or the community and/or interest in majoring in an arts area from the institution of higher learning or a commitment to continuing to show an interest in the arts in some way

E) Application Process:

- Complete the application form including personal information and arts' experience narrative with special attention to Financial Need Documentation.
- Attach a copy of letter of acceptance, if available, or some other documentation showing the applicant as an entering full-time student to a college, junior/community college, or vocational school.
- Attach a letter of reference (one paragraph or more) from a regular core teacher in a non-arts area or school counselor or administrator identifying the applicant's academic promise, demonstrated motivation for self-improvement, and other relevant attributes.
- Attach a letter of reference (one paragraph or more) from a fine arts' teacher either from the school system or outside the school system as a private teacher identifying the applicant's successful experiences in the arts and cultural organizations.
- Include an official copy of the high-school academic transcript in a sealed envelope by a counselor.
- If available, include a copy of FAFSA (Federal Application for Financial Student Aid) if available; however, this report is not mandatory. If FAFSA is not available to include in the application packet, the student should provide specific needs or reasons for seeking financial aid. All information will remain confidential.

The candidate's high-school counselor should send or deliver the following to Shane Miller at North Brunswick High School via School Courier or otherwise by Thursday, April 30, 2026:

1. **the completed application form,**
2. **a copy of letter of college acceptance or comparable documentation,**
3. **an official high-school academic transcript,**
4. **a copy of FAFSA (Federal Application for Financial Student Aid) if available,**
5. **two sealed letters of reference per guidelines,**
6. **a personal narrative citing financial needs specifically, goals, community plans, and potential arts involvement in the future, and**
7. **sample of artistic work (pdf, jpeg, slide show, vid clip, link tik tok, writing sample) of their particular art form (visual 2 D or 3D, Literary performing or music)**
8. **a listing of various awards, experiences, leadership roles, and accomplishments from the high-school years including clubs, sports' teams, community service, offices held, etc.**



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FIRST LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM (Teacher other than Fine Arts, Counselor or Administrator)

To Evaluator: _____ is applying for the Brunswick Arts Council Scholarship. Your evaluation is needed as part of the application process. The applicant has authorized you to provide the Scholarship Committee any information about this candidate describing the applicant's academic promise, motivation for self-improvement, and any other relevant attributes. To ensure confidentiality, please return this form and reference statement to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. (You may either write your recommendation below about the following items you are asked to address or on a separate sheet of paper.)

I am writing this evaluation on behalf of: _____

Evaluator's Printed Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known this applicant? _____

In the space provided below or on additional sheets, please write your assessment of this candidate based on the criteria listed above: **NOTE: An evaluation received with a broken seal will be rejected. Please be sure to seal and sign the envelope and return to the applicant in order that it may be included along with the application packet.**



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SECOND LETTER OF REFERENCE FORM (Fine Arts Teacher or Arts Sponsor)

To Evaluator: _____ is applying for The Brunswick Arts Council Scholarship. Your evaluation is needed as part of the application process. The applicant has authorized you to release any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing the application. Your cooperation in providing this information is important to the selection of award recipients. Please describe the applicant's successful experiences in the fine arts and/or cultural organizations. To ensure confidentiality, please return this form and reference statement to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

I am writing this evaluation on behalf of: _____

Evaluator's Printed Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Evaluator's Signature: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

In the space provided below or on additional sheets, please write your assessment of this candidate based on the criteria listed above: **NOTE: An evaluation received with a broken seal will be rejected. Please be sure to seal and sign the envelope and return to the applicant in order that it may be included along with the application packet.**