

Mark Planisek Art Scholarship Application Information

Mark Planisek, a Willoughby South High School graduate, was a world-renown photo collage artist, museum technician, and art handler for the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. He devoted his life to art and cultivated that love in part by mentoring aspiring artists. This scholarship is created in Mark's memory as a way to help promising art students and future art educators grow, develop, and share their passion for the fine arts.

CRITERIA

The Mark Planisek Art Scholarship is awarded annually to a Willoughby South High School senior in the spring prior to graduation. The student must have applied and been accepted to a U.S. university, college, or art school to major in some aspect of fine arts or art education.

The scholarship check is sent directly to the university, college, or art school where you will study, to be used for qualifying tuition expenses (tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment) required by the educational institution. Distribution will not be made directly to the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship submission consists of a completed and signed application form (attached), 5-10 portfolio images on CD, portfolio images printed out (thumbnail or full size), artist's statement, a letter of recommendation from an art faculty member, and official transcript.

PORTFOLIO

The portfolio must include 5-10 images of your artwork on CD as well as a thumbnail or full-sized printout of images. The portfolio is accepted on CD only – DO NOT submit originals as they will not be returned. All artwork must be labeled with your name, title of artwork, media in which the artwork was created, artwork dimensions, and year completed either in the image file name or in a separate Microsoft Word document on the CD. Portfolio artwork can include drawings, paintings, mixed media, printmaking, sculpture, photography, and other studio artwork. All work must be your original work where you are the sole artist.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

The Artist's Statement should include your reasons for wanting to be an artist, why you are seeking this scholarship, what art means to you, what you want to learn, why you are committed to art, and your academic and career plans. Your statement must be 300-500 words in length, typed, and included in this application form.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Include a letter of recommendation from one of your art instructors, who is familiar with your artistic qualifications.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of your official high school transcript must be included with your application.

DEADLINE

Your completed application package must be submitted to the Willoughby South High School Guidance Department by March 30 of the year you graduate from Willoughby South. Application, artwork, etc. will not be accepted by email. The scholarship recipient will be notified by their Guidance Department.

AWARD SELECTION

The Mark Planisek Art Scholarship is competitive and based on the overall quality of the application/portfolio reviewed by the Scholarship Award Committee during spring semester. The recipient must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.25 GPA. The award is not continuous.

THE MARK PLANISEK ART SCHOLARSHIP

Application Form

DIRECTIONS

Submit the following to the Willoughby South High School Guidance Office by March 30 of your senior year:

- Completed and signed application form
- 5-10 portfolio images on CD
- Portfolio images printed out (thumbnail or full size)
- Artist's statement
- 1 letter of recommendation from art faculty members
- Transcript

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN

Name of College/University/Art School: _____

Address of College/University/Art School: _____

Name and Phone Number of Financial Aid Office Point of Contact: _____

Applicant's name: _____

ESSAY QUESTION – ARTIST'S STATEMENT

In **300-500 words, typed**, state your reasons below for wanting to be an artist, why you are seeking this scholarship, what art means to you, what you want to learn, why you are committed to art, and your academic and career plans. Help the Scholarship Award Committee understand why you feel you deserve this scholarship.

Return this information to the Willoughby South High School Guidance Office by March 30.

Be sure to include all of the following:

- Completed and signed application form
 - 5-10 portfolio images on CD
 - Portfolio images printed out (thumbnail or full size)
 - Artist's statement
 - 1 letter of recommendation from an art faculty member
 - Official transcript
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I hereby affirm that my portfolio submissions were created solely by me as the artist. I understand that any misrepresentation will result in the forfeiture of consideration for The Mark Planisek Art Scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(if applicant is under 18 yrs)

ART FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

_____ is applying for **The Mark Planisek Art Scholarship**. In the space below, please comment on this student's qualifications and character. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please return this recommendation to the **Willoughby South High School Guidance Department** by **March 30**. Thank you on behalf of the student.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____