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## **Gilmer Arts George Link Jr. Charitable Trust Scholarship 2018**

The Gilmer Arts, George Link Jr. Charitable Trust Scholarship is established to award three scholarships each year to Gilmer County graduating seniors who have demonstrated talent in the areas of the performing arts, visual arts and literary arts, and who have been accepted and are going to pursue degrees in those disciplines at a 4 year college/university.

### **Application Period:**

January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018

### **Eligibility:**

Students who are graduating from a public, private, or virtual high school or a home education program in Gilmer County, and who have been accepted and are going to pursue degrees in those disciplines at a 4 year college/university are eligible and may apply. Student must be a resident of Gilmer County. Student's GPA must be 3.0 or higher.

### **Application Process:**

Students must submit a completed application form (attached), a signed release form (attached) a brief essay "How the Arts have positively influenced my life" and a portfolio of work in literary arts (creative writing), performing arts and/or visual arts. Applications must be delivered in person or postmarked on or before March 31, 2018 and mailed to:

Gilmer Arts  
Scholarship Competition  
207 Dalton Street  
Ellijay, GA 30540

### **Selection Process:**

A committee of judges for each of the disciplines listed will review and score the students' essays and work samples. A winner in each of the disciplines will be selected from finalists with the top. Applicants will be notified that they have been selected as a scholarship recipient by April 13, 2018.

### **Award Process**

Scholarships will be awarded to first place winners at a reception in their honor, on May 4, 2018 at 5pm. Disbursement of the awarded funds will be made to the institution the winner will be attending.

### **More Information:**

Visit the Gilmer Arts website, ([www.gilmerarts.org](http://www.gilmerarts.org)).

## **General Guidelines**

### **Portfolio:**

- Content must be appropriate for general audiences.
- Content must be original and current (less than one year old).
- All materials must be labeled with applicant's name and contact information.
- Submitted portfolios will not be returned to applicants (no original art to be submitted during application process).
- There are specific portfolio requirements for each discipline. Failure to follow these requirements could result in disqualification

### **Essay:**

- Applicants are required to submit an essay on "How the arts have positively influenced my life".
- Essay should be 500 words or less.
- Typed, double-spaced in standard font, such as Times New Roman, 12 point.

### **Resume**

- Applicants should submit a resume to be included with their application, though it is not required.
- Resume may list employment, extra-curricular activities, volunteer activities and awards.

## **Application Checklist**

A completed application includes:

- Original of the items listed below:
  - Application Form
  - Artist Release Form (signed by the applicant or legal guardian)
  - Essay
  - Resume (optional)
- Portfolio of work (see specific portfolio requirements for your discipline, attached)

## Portfolio Requirements

**Visual Art:** All forms of visual art are eligible, such as drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography and mixed media. Film and television production are not eligible.

### Parameters

- Do not send original artwork. Original artwork will not be judged and will not be accepted.
- Provide five (5) images of different artwork from the current or most recent school year on CD-ROM or USB flash drive.

### Format

- Save images on CD-ROM as JPEG file and label each image with applicant's last name and title of artwork.
- Enclose the completed inventory sheet (attached) containing the following information listed for each piece:
  - Applicant's Name
  - Title of work
  - Dimensions
  - Medium
  - Date created

**Music:** Instrumental and vocal performances are eligible

### Parameters

- Provide 2 contrasting pieces up to 5 minutes maximum (both pieces together are not to exceed 5 minutes). Applicants may select a movement from a larger work or portion of a single movement work.
- Recorded performances must be current (within the last year)
- Performance should show command of technique (e.g., appropriate tone, expression, style and performance skills).
- Before the performance begins, state your name and the name of the pieces you are performing.
- Appropriate accompaniment is allowable.
- Electronically enhanced performances will not be considered.
- Group performances will not be considered.

#### Format

- Provide performances on CD or DVD or USB flash drive.
- Provide written score only if music is your original composition
  - Label recorded medium with:
    - Applicant's name
    - Instrument or voice
    - Name of selection
    - Date recorded.

**Dance:** Forms of dance, such as ballet, modern, jazz and hip hop are eligible. Ballroom dancing and figure skating are not eligible.

#### Parameters

- Provide 2 contrasting pieces up to 5 minutes maximum (both pieces together are not to exceed 5 minutes).
- Recorded performances must be current (within the last year).
- May be original choreography by applicant or any other choreographer.
- Before the performance begins, state your name and the name of the pieces you are performing.
- Costumes are not allowed.
- Group performances pieces will not be considered.

#### Format:

- Provide performances on DVD or USB flash drive.
- Camera should be fixed and stationary with full body visibility
- Film against a neutral background
- Label medium with:
  - Applicant's name
  - Dance genre
  - Date recorded

**Theater:** The Theater category encompasses theatrical performances, musical theatrical performances and theater set/costume design.

Parameters:

- For set/costume designers, provide a slideshow of images with written descriptions from your designs in a production.
- For performers, provide 2 contrasting pieces up to 5 minutes maximum (both pieces together are not to exceed 5 minutes).
- Recorded performances must be current (within the last year).
- Before the performance begins, state your name and the name of the pieces you are performing.
- Costumes are not allowed (performance) unless submission is in costume design
- Group performances will not be considered.

Format

- Provide performances on DVD or USB flash drive
- Camera should be fixed and stationary with full body visibility
- Film against a neutral background
- Label medium with:
  - Applicant's name
  - Date recorded

**Creative Writing:** Four forms of creative writing are eligible, including creative nonfiction, playwriting, poetry and short story.

Parameters:

- Content must be appropriate for general audiences.
- Content must be original and current (less than one year old).
- Applicants may submit a portfolio in only one category.
- There are specific portfolio requirements for each form of creative writing below. Failure to follow the instruction below could result in disqualification.

*Creative Nonfiction:* 10 or less pages

- Provide up to three (3) creative nonfiction prose pieces, including memoirs, literary journalism and personal essays.

*Playwriting:* 16 or less pages

- Provide up to three (3) scripts for dramatic performance in any medium, including excerpts of scripts that include a brief description of complete work and how the excerpt fits into the whole piece.

*Short Story:* 10 or less pages

- Provide up to three (3) short stories

*Poetry:* 10 pages

- Provide up to three (3) poems.

Format for all creative writing portfolios:

- Typed single-spaced in standard font, such as Times New Roman, 12 point, on white letter sized paper (8½ x 11), using only the front side of each page.
- Stapled in the upper left hand corner and not placed in any type of binder.
- Label each piece with:
  - Applicant's name
  - Title of the piece
  - Date written



**Application Form**

**Deadline: Postmarked or delivered in person on or before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Please type or print:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Discipline:** Please check the appropriate box, and describe your area within that discipline.

- Visual Art            Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Performance        Please describe \_\_\_\_\_
- Creative Writing     Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

**School Information:** Please check one

- Public School             Magnet School             Charter School
- Private School             Virtual School             Home Education             Other

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: GA            Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate College/University and Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Release Form

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Gilmer Arts shall have the right to reproduce, exhibit, and otherwise use the submitted work, in whole or in part, in any manner whatsoever in all medial without limitations. A parent/guardian signature is necessary if the applicant is under the age of eighteen (18).

Applicant Name (please type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The release must be signed by a parent or guardian of the applicant. (Please type or print).

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The release is entered into with my agreement and consent

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_