

EMMILA A DENNY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP 2014

Presented by The Denali Arts Council

Denali Arts Council Mission Statement:

We value Diversity, Artistry, and Community. We also seek to create and nurture opportunities for artistic expression.

What is the scholarship?

The Emmila A Denny Arts Scholarship was created to foster and encourage the creative talents of artists residing in the Matanuska Susitna Borough. It is named for a long-time supporter of Talkeetna community arts and is funded by the following Denali Arts Council programs: Denali Drama, Music Academy, Talkeetna Artists Guild, and the Green Light Circus.

What will the scholarship fund?

Artists may request up to \$300.00 for resources that will further develop their artistic talents. Examples would include workshops, materials, and study with a mentor, course enrollment, mileage, etc.

PLEASE READ: Qualification Requirements:

- Any artist ages three and up may apply for the Emmila A. Denny scholarship.
- Applicants must be residents of the Matanuska Susitna Borough year round for at least one year, or seasonally for five years. Preference will be given to artists residing in the upper Susitna Valley.
- Applicants must demonstrate significant artistic talent.
- Applicants must demonstrate an interest in further development in one of the disciplines listed below.
- Applicants must submit a portfolio or samples of work i.e. photos, tapes, video, etc.
- Letter of recommendation **or** an essay justifying your request for scholarship money.

The disciplines include:

- **Visual arts** such as painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, etc.
- **Performing arts** such as dance, theatre, music, instrumental, voice, circus, etc.
- **Media:** film, video, animation, computer graphics, etc.
- **Literary:** poetry, short stories, plays, novels, etc.
- **Crafts:** traditional folk arts, furniture, weaving, pottery, etc.

Application submission must be postmarked by midnight on Wednesday April 30, 2014. The Scholarship will be awarded in May.

Contact Mary Farina 733-2673 or Lisa Curtis 733-7373 with questions or to discuss options.

Submit three copies of the application **and** three portfolios or samples of work (i.e. photos, tapes, video) to the:

Arts Scholarship Committee

Denali Arts Council

P.O. Box 404

Talkeetna AK 99676

907-733-7929

denaliartscouncil@hotmail.com

Note: *A representative of the scholarship committee will notify the winning recipient(s). The decision of the committee is final. The award is determined based on a rubric that weighs accumulated points given for the completeness of the application, work samples, the quality of the referral, the applicant's qualifications, and the applicant's timeliness. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERE (REALLY)! Final scores will neither be disclosed nor discussed with applicants. If you would like your materials sent back to you, please include a self-addressed envelope with enough postage to ensure their proper return. The Arts Council will not be responsible for lost or damaged materials.*

**EMMILA A DENNY
ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
Application Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birth Date: _____

Artistic Interest: (attach additional pages if needed)

Discipline:

Previous experience in this area:

Awards or special recognition:

Proposed use of funds:

Supporting Materials:

I. A portfolio of the applicant's work must be submitted to aid in the selection process.

Please indicate the type of materials provided with this application.

Check all that apply.

___ Video tape ___ Audio tape ___ Photographs _____ Portfolio _____ Writing
_____ Power point ___ Slide show How many? Number of pieces _____

II. ___ Information on specific opportunity—i.e. copy of brochure or course description, resume of prospective instructor, published articles about company, program or instructor, etc.

III. Essay and letter of recommendation: An essay and one letter of recommendation are required for consideration of the applicant for this scholarship. Essays should prove to the committee that the applicant has a specific artistic need that can be met by the award, that the applicant has the ability to complete the funded project, and that the need merits the expenditure of scarce resources by the arts council. For the letter of recommendation, a relative may not be a reference. The letter should address the artistic excellence of the applicant's work, artistic quality of the opportunity sought, and applicant's preparation in the discipline. Please be sure your reference comes with the name, the address, and the phone number of the person recommending you.

I also grant permission for the use of this information and representations of my work for purposes of publicity. Unsigned applications will not be considered.

Printed Name: _____

Affidavit: I, _____, (the artist) hereby attest that the enclosed information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age).

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emmila A. Denny Scholarship Applicant Checklist

(Please RETURN this completed checklist with your application: incomplete applications will not be considered)

Applicant's Name	
Applicant's address and phone number	
Applicant's e-mail address (if applicable)	
Applicant's birth date	
Statement of artistic interest	
Statement of artist's discipline	
Previous experience	
Applicant's awards and special recognition (if any).	
Proposed use of funds	
Information about specific opportunity (brochures of schools, camps, etc.)	
Portfolio (supporting materials)	
Letter of recommendation and essay justifying request.	
Applicant's signature and affidavit (and parent signature if applicable)	
Three complete copies of the application (and all supporting materials).	
Postmarked by midnight on March 31, 2011	