



Debby Stanton Memorial Scholarship

About the scholarship

Debby Stanton was an extraordinarily creative and vibrant person and was active in the many communities she lived in throughout her life. She was a prolific painter, sculptor, actor, and designer. Her works were shown in Fairfield, CT; Nantucket, MA; and Aiken, SC. Debby will forever be remembered for her artistic flair, spectacular gardens, boundless energy, and wit; and with this scholarship she will be memorialized for her love of the arts and desire to give back to the communities in which she lived.

The Debby Stanton Memorial Scholarship was established to match or provide tuition assistance for students to enroll in visual arts classes and workshops at the Aiken Center for the Arts (ACA). Scholarships are open to students in K-12 grades. Interested students should fill out application with their parents and return it to the Aiken Center for the Arts. Selection is based on financial need, artistic ability/interest, educational need or potential. Preference is given to students with financial need.

A maximum of two (2) scholarships per session will be awarded. Qualifying students can receive no more than two scholarships per year and must be used in two (2) separate sessions. All applications will remain confidential.

Scholarship Eligibility

Applicants must be residents of Aiken County, South Carolina and must be in kindergarten through grade 12 at the time that the funded class takes place.

Conditions of Scholarship and Retention

- Scholarship applications must be on time and complete for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- A limited number of scholarship students will be allowed to attend each class. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first serve basis.
- All students who receive a scholarship are subject to a registration fee of \$10.00. Registration fees must be turned in before the first day of class. Any student with unpaid fees on the first day of class will be removed from the roster and will not be eligible to participate.
- ACA Arts instructors cannot accept scholarship forms or payment for application.
- Students must arrive on time for class. Excessive tardiness could affect future scholarship eligibility and may result in dismissal from class.
- Inappropriate behavior may affect future scholarship eligibility.
- A new application must be filled out for each class session – scholarship eligibility does not carry over.
- Scholarships are not available for private lessons.
- Scholarships are limited to one per student per class session.



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How to apply

1. Fill out the attached application and return to ACA at least two weeks prior to the start of the class along with a class registration form.
2. Include a brief cover letter with this application including the following information (Parents, you may assist but we enjoy reading letters from the child themselves.) Essays may be typed or hand written and are to be signed and dated by the student.
 - a. Describe your art experience including other classes you've taken (at the Aiken Center for the Arts or elsewhere), what media you work in and how you would assess your skill level.
 - b. Indicate why you are applying for this financial assistance.
 - c. Explain how this opportunity would benefit you.

Application

General Information

Today's Date: _____ Student's Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Class Registration

Please select the month of classes/workshops/camps for which you are applying:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Session 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Session 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Session |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Session 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Session 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Session |

For which you are applying: Class Title _____

Date & Time _____

Can you pay any portion of the tuition? No 25% 50% 75% (scholarship dollars will be available to more students if some are able to pay a portion).



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Family Financial Information

Number of adults living in your home: _____ Number of children living in your home: _____

Monthly household income (from **all** sources, including other adults in your home, social security, welfare, SNAP, child support, alimony, etc.): \$_____

Does your family receive any of the following*:

**You must provide proof of at least one of the above. Please include proof with this application.*

- Medicaid or any other federal, state or county assistance Yes No
- Free or reduced lunch at school Yes No
- Food stamps/SNAP Yes No

Are there any other financial circumstances that you would like considered? If so, please explain:

Student's Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature and Date

Thank you! If you have any questions about the scholarship, please call our office at (803) 641-9094 or send an email to Jillian@AikenCenterfortheArts.org.

ACA's goal is to provide scholarships to as many applicants as possible (ideally all!); there are limited scholarship funds available, however, and most scholarships granted will be for partial tuition, with preference given to new students.

Please do not submit payment with your scholarship application. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will receive notification by mail approximately 5-7 business days following the deadline, and also by phone within 5-7 business days after the application has been processed. At that time, registration fees will be due.

Contact/Submission

Please direct any questions and submit all applications to: Aiken Center for the Arts
Education Director
122 Laurens Street SW
Aiken, SC 29801

Applicants should keep page 1 for their records.