



**Girdwood Center for Visual Arts Scholarship**  
**Scholarship Award Cycle: 2026-2027 Academic School**  
**Year Deadline: March 1, 2026**  
**Submit Application to [gcvamanager@gmail.com](mailto:gcvamanager@gmail.com)**

## **ABOUT GCVA**

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GCVA was formed in 1982 by individuals who wanted to provide artist opportunities to the community of Girdwood. We are proud to carry on this legacy and continue to foster an inclusive artistic environment supporting all artists from novice to experienced. Over the years, hundreds of artists have contributed to the continued success of GCVA. Additionally, we would not be where we are today without the support of generous community members, businesses, and organizations.

It is in this spirit of community support that we would like to give back and help others achieve their goals and aspirations. We will be awarding two scholarships for the 2026-27 academic school year. Eligible high school seniors and current college students are invited to apply by March 1, 2026.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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GCVA will be awarding a \$2,000.00 scholarship to one eligible high school senior and a \$2,000.00 scholarship to one eligible current college student.

- Applicant must be an Alaska Resident.
- Applicant must be majoring in or planning to major in visual arts.
- Applicant must be attending or planning to attend an accredited 4-year university and pursuing a bachelor's degree as a full-time student.
- Applicant must submit at least one piece of artwork for display in our April scholarship show. Artwork will be returned at the end of the show.
- Scholarship must be used for the 2026-2027 academic school year.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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The following needs to be submitted via email to [gcvamanager@gmail.com](mailto:gcvamanager@gmail.com) along with the completed application:

Artwork samples – Images of artwork will be submitted digitally with application. A minimum of 3 samples and a maximum of 10 will be accepted. At least one submitted sample must be available and used for April Show. Mediums accepted are: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, photography, glass art, fiber art, jewelry, mixed media and metal arts.

Essay - Applicant must submit an essay of 250-500 words about what it means to you to be an artist and what you want your audience to know about your work.

Letter of Recommendation – Applicant must provide 1 letter of recommendation

### College Information Required

High school students: The scholarship will be awarded contingent on college acceptance letter to be forwarded to GCVA no later than May 1. Scholarship will not be awarded without letter and will be forfeited if not provided.

College Students: Applicants must submit student financial services office contact information on application.



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## JUDGING RUBRIC

Judging will be based on the entire collection of submitted artwork.	5 points Excellent level of artistic mastery	4 points Strong artistic skills and capacity	3 points Varying levels of artistic proficiency	2 points Developing artistic capability	1 point Lacks effort and understanding of artistic principles
<b>Artistic Merit</b> -The use of media and tools is effectively executed to produce work that is expressive and detailed.					
<b>Creativity</b> – Work is unique and original. Expression is fully developed presenting imaginative and inventive concepts reflecting the artists individuality.					
<b>Visual Display and Organization</b> – Artist incorporates the Principles of Art effectively to successfully create an effect and convey intent.					
<b>Presentation</b> – Artwork is in a finished state ready for display.					
<b>Essay</b> – Has understandable flow and creative word choice reflecting applicant's focus and passion for art.					

## AWARD NOTIFICATION

Scholarship winners will be announced on April 3, 2026. All applicants will be required to submit a piece of artwork from their application by March 30, 2026 for display in our April Show. Artwork may be offered for sale if applicant desires. Artwork will be available for pick up after the show on April 30, 2026 or later. GCVA retains the right not to display artwork should it be deemed inappropriate for display for any reason.

## ANTI DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Girdwood Center for Visual Arts does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities, operations or award determinations.

Scholarship award decisions are the sole responsibility of the scholarship judging committee. Scholarships may be awarded or withheld at the discretion of the judges.

**For questions about the GCVA Scholarship Program process, please contact:**

Girdwood Center for Visual Arts  
 Gallery Director: Holly Hobson  
 Telephone: (907) 748-1171

Website: [www.gcvagallery.org/](http://www.gcvagallery.org/)  
 Email: [gcvamanager@gmail.com](mailto:gcvamanager@gmail.com)

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 Girdwood, AK 99587

**Physical Address**  
 194 Olympic Mountain Loop  
 Girdwood, Alaska



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**1. APPLICANT STATUS**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Applicant</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Renewal Application</b>
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**2. PERSONAL DATA**

Name: (Last, First, M.I.)	
Phone Number	Email address
Home Physical Address	Home Mailing Address

**3. College Applicants**

College Currently Attending	Your mailing address at college	
Current College Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		Current college cumulative grade point average:
Number of Credits you plan to take for the 26-27 academic year:	Field of Study: (Major)	Field of Study: (Minor)
Financial Aid Officer & Address:	Financial Aid Office Phone Number:	Name of high school you graduated from and year of graduation

**4. High School Applicants**

High School Currently Attending		
High School Graduation Date:		Current high school cumulative grade point average
Intended college major		
Colleges you have applied to: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Application Status <input type="checkbox"/> accepted <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> accepted <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> accepted <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> accepted <input type="checkbox"/> in process <input type="checkbox"/> accepted <input type="checkbox"/> in process	Additional Comments:

**5. Applicant Signature and date**



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- ☐ Completed application. All sections of this application must be completed. Incomplete applications will be returned. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- ☐ Artwork Samples: A minimum of 3 samples, submitted digitally
  - ☐ Accepted mediums:
    - ☐ Painting
    - ☐ Drawing
    - ☐ Printmaking
    - ☐ Sculpture
    - ☐ Ceramics
    - ☐ Photography
    - ☐ Glass art
    - ☐ Fiber Art
    - ☐ Jewelry
    - ☐ Metal Art
    - ☐ Mixed Media
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- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Letter of recommendation
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Application Deadline March 1, 2026 at 11:59pm (AKST). This is a firm deadline. **No exceptions are allowed.**