Scholarship Guidelines

The Deer Park Arts Council (DPAC) presents scholarships to deserving students who meet the criteria determined by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the DPAC membership.

The scholarships include a monetary award and a *Certificate of Recognition*. **The application must be submitted to www.deerparkartscouncil.org/scholarships no later than April 11, 2025.**

The Committee evaluates each candidate on the following criteria:

➢ The applicant must demonstrate participation in the art discipline they are applying for by providing a list of classes/activities they have done along with a teacher/supervisor's email address for verification.

➢ The candidate must have a grade point average of 80 or higher.

➢ Student and/or parent/guardian must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer service for DPAC during the student's Junior and/or Senior Year of High School.
 - 4 (four) or more hours **Must be completed by the student volunteering** at a DPAC event.
 - No more than (2) two hours will be credited for attending DPAC meetings.

➢ Showing strong school and/or community involvement is helpful but not mandatory.

➢ Candidate must submit a typewritten essay (300 – 500 words) on the following topic:

"What inspired you to pursue the arts and how will you incorporate it into your career/future?"

DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE ESSAY OR THE FILE NAME. IF YOUR NAME IS INCLUDED IN THE ESSAY OR FILE NAME YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

The final selection will be made at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, whose decision is final.

The scholarship check will be paid directly to the award recipient once **proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university is submitted to DPAC. If proof is not submitted by September 1, 2025 the Scholarship will be forfeited.**

Please note that April 11, 2025 is the final cutoff date for all submissions. **Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.** All submissions must be made through: www.deerparkartscouncil.org/scholarships