**The Old Jail Art Center**

**The Grace Leech Family Art Scholarship**

*The Grace Leech Family Art Scholarship* was established by educator and philanthropic leader Valleau Wilkie, Jr. in honor of Grace Leech and her family. The scholarship is available to students who plan to attend college to pursue studies in art or art history

The scholarship is available to graduating seniors attending rural high schools served by the *Region 14 Educational Service Center* with graduating classes of 150 students or less. Eligibility considerations will include academic achievement, field of study, and need.

**To be considered fully complete, scholarship applications must contain the following:**

* **Signed application form (typewritten or in legible dark ink)**
* **Transcript with fall semester grades**
* **College transcript if student is enrolled in concurrent college courses**
* **At least two letters of recommendation, but not more than three**
* **A short essay (300 words) on why you want to study art and what you hope to accomplish when you graduate.**

The two-year scholarship will be awarded to one (1) recipient each year for a total of $4,000. The award will be split equally between the first and second academic years ($2,000 each year). The annual distribution will be divided into two parts: the first $1,500 for tuition will be paid directly to the institution, and the remaining $500 paid to the recipient who will consult with the committee about its use for books, supplies, transportation or tuition. The committee will be responsible for approving a second year of funding depending on satisfactory performance. Failure to meet the minimum academic standard (2.5 GPA) in the first year places the second year of the scholarship in jeopardy.

Grant applications should be postmarked no later than **May 11** or earlier and mailed to the address listed below. Recipients will be notified by letter of the award by June 1.

Upon notice of being awarded a scholarship, the student is required to execute and comply with a Scholarship Agreement. Failure to comply with any provision of the Scholarship Agreement may result in termination of the award as determined by the committee. Recipient must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours) for the duration of the scholarship period.

After acceptance/enrollment documentation is provided to the committee, scholarship awards are disbursed directly to the college or university, and the student.  It is the recipient’s responsibility to ensure that the committee receives proof of enrollment each semester.

A recipient can receive *The Grace Leech Family Art Scholarship* in addition to other grants and scholarships provided 1) the scholarship is still needed to cover allowed expenses and 2) the recipient does not receive a full athletic or academic scholarship.

The Grace Leech Family Art Scholarship Committee

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