

2018
Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship
Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship

General Information

The Purpose of the Awards

The Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship and **The Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship** are awarded by Morris Arts to recognize two graduating high school seniors who have exhibited artistic excellence in dance, drama, music, or the visual arts and who plan to pursue further education in the arts.

History

Elaine Ehlers (1953-2001), a health-care administrator by profession, had a voracious appetite for all things artistic and musical. She derived intellectual and emotional sustenance from the arts and she supported programs at many museums and musical institutions. By establishing this scholarship, an enduring legacy has been created to reward those who possess artistic talent and who plan to further their arts education.

Eugenie R. Coladarci, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations at Chase Manhattan Bank, was an active member of Morris Arts for eleven years and was completing her first term as Board Chair when she passed away in 1997. As a statewide champion of the arts, Gene encouraged the development of young artists and believed in the value of the arts in their quality of life. The idea of a scholarship to assist talented young people wishing to continue their study in the arts was very important to her.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from high school seniors graduating in June 2017 who are currently attending public, private, or parochial school in New Jersey. Applicants must be Morris County residents who plan to pursue post-secondary studies at an accredited institution or acknowledged arts school or fine arts program, and who have demonstrated artistic excellence. Artistic work samples, two (2) brief essays, two (2) letters of recommendation, and a history of artistic activities and/or special awards and recognitions, along with a complete application, are required from all candidates. Children of Morris Arts trustees, staff and panelists are not eligible.

Application & Evaluation Process

The complete application must be delivered to Morris Arts' office or postmarked **no later than 5 PM on January 19, 2018**. Applicants will be judged by a panel of professionals with a high level of expertise in college arts education and/or professional experience. Each artistic discipline will be represented on the panel. Selection of a scholarship winner will be based on artistic excellence as demonstrated by the quality of the work samples and application submitted to the panel. Dedication and character will also be considered. Winners will be notified on or about **February 23, 2018**. **The Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship** for 2018 will be awarded in the amount of \$5,000 and **The Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship** for 2018 will be awarded in the amount of \$1,500. Each will be paid directly to the student's selected college/arts program to assist with tuition.

**Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship
Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship
2018 Application**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

High School: _____

School Street Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

School Telephone: _____

To which colleges, universities or institutions have you applied?

How will you be pursuing your artistic talent at college? _____

Check the artistic area in which you are applying:

Visual Arts

Dance

Music

Drama

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this Application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship 2018 Application Requirements

Please complete the information below and securely attach pages. Each page must be typed and the response to each question numbered correspondingly. Your name must appear at the top of each page.

- 1) List your artistic activities in order of importance to you; include number of years of artistic experience and any special awards or honors.
- 2) Attach an essay of 100-200 words describing what your most gratifying artistic experience has been or why the arts are an important part of your life.
- 3) Attach an essay of 100-200 words stating who your artistic mentor/ideal is and why. You may include a statement about your career plans/goals.
- 4) **Optional:** "Anything else you would like to tell us..." If you believe there is some fact, experience, talent, thought or anything else that did not seem to fit into our application, but which you would like us to take into consideration, let us know about it in this section.
- 5) **Optional Update Form: (do not include with your application)**
This form is provided so that you can file the initial parts of your application in a timely manner. If you have additional information you would like to share with us (e.g. awards, honors, college acceptances) that occurs after you have submitted your application, but before the panel meets to make its final decision, please complete this form and **send it no later than February 9, 2018** to: Scholarships, Morris Arts, 14 Maple Avenue, Suite 301, Morristown, NJ 07960.
- 6) Attach a letter of recommendation from a professional arts teacher. The letter of recommendation **must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the sealed flap.**
- 7) Attach a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor or another adult who is knowledgeable about your activities. The letter of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the sealed flap.
- 8) Include samples of your work for submission using the following criteria:

If you are a **visual artist**, submit a CD or DVD labeled with your name, address and phone number, containing your 5-10 original works completely executed by you, together with the following information: name of artist; medium used; size; and title of each piece. No pieces of original artwork accepted.

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If you are a **dancer**, submit a DVD with a video containing two (2) dance pieces of no longer than five (5) minutes each. Attach a brief written description of the performance pieces and clearly label the DVD with your name, address and telephone number.

If you are an **actor**, submit a DVD with a video containing two monologues of your own choice no longer than three (3) minutes each **or** one monologue and one excerpt from a dramatic production in which you are featured as a main character, no longer than three (3) minutes each. Attach a brief written description of the performance pieces and clearly label the DVD with your name, address and telephone number.

If you are a **musician**, submit a CD or DVD with an audio or video recording containing full or partial performances of **either** two different solo works **or** two movements from a larger solo piece. The total elapsed time should not exceed ten (10) minutes. Attach a brief written description of the performance pieces and clearly label the recording with your name, address, and telephone number. Identify all persons performing on your CD or DVD.

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2018 Optional Update Form**
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Name: _____

What's new in your life in terms of art, academics or extracurricular activities or interests? _____

Additional information you would like the panel to know (e.g. awards, honors, college acceptances):

Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this Optional Update Form is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Elaine Ehlers Arts Scholarship Eugenie Coladarci Arts Scholarship 2018 Application Checklist

In order to be a candidate, a **complete** application must be postmarked or received by *Morris Arts* no later than **5 p.m. on January 19, 2018**. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted.

Did you remember to:

- Complete and sign page one of the application?
- Include all additional typed pages, labeled with your name?
- Attach two (2) Letters of Recommendations?
- Include thoroughly labeled artistic work samples?
- Include a self-addressed envelope/ mailing package with sufficient postage if you wish to have your artistic work samples returned to you?

Send complete applications to:

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Morristown, NJ 07960