Attention graduating high school seniors! 2026 art scholarship

Scholarship details

The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs is proud to announce the 2026 Visual Arts Scholarship for High School Seniors, an inspiring opportunity for graduating Oregon high school seniors. All eligible applicants must be Oregon residents.

One exceptional student will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship to support their college tuition at any accredited institution of higher education, in any field of study. This scholarship is designed to encourage thoughtful reflection, academic excellence, and a commitment to personal growth.

Contest date

Applicants should submit their artwork electronically to the designated Google Drive by April 13, 2026, for judging. The scholarship winner will be announced during a virtual awards ceremony on April 25, 2026.

Contest information

All submissions must be original works. Entries may be created in any media, including but not limited to: oil, watercolor, acrylic, charcoal, pen & ink, pastel, photography, pottery, and other fine art forms.

For 3D artworks (such as ceramics, fine crafts, glass, jewelry, sculpture, or woodwork), applicants may submit up to three images per piece to showcase the work from multiple angles.

Entry guidelines and judging criteria

Students may submit one entry per medium (e.g., oil, photography, pottery). You are welcome to enter multiple mediums, but a separate entry form is required for each submission.

Each entry must be accompanied by a statement including:

- Artist’s name and school
- Medium
- Title of the piece
- A brief description (1–2 sentences) of the inspiration behind the work

Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Originality – 40%: Creativity and uniqueness of the artwork
- Technique/Craftsmanship – 40%: Skill and execution in the chosen medium
- Presentation – 20%: Overall display and visual impact

First, second, and third-place winners will be selected by the judges. If no entry meets the required standards, an award may not be granted.

The first-place winner must notify the Chairman by October 1st of the school year following the award to confirm the college or university they will attend. If this notification is not received, the scholarship will be forfeited and offered to the second-place winner.

How to submit your art

Fill out an official entry and email it to the contest organizer, Arlene Steenkolk, at arlene.steenkolk@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by April 6, 2026. Directions on how to upload your video entry to a Google Drive will be emailed after your entry form is received.

Important dates to remember

- April 6th: Application form and essay due.
- April 13th: Artwork uploaded to the Google Drive.
- April 25th: at 2:00 PM (Zoom): Virtual Fine Arts Contest and announcement of winners.





Official entry form

This is the readable version of the entry form. The official PDF is the one to fill in and return.

Applicant and school information

Applicant, parent or guardian, and school information

Field	Entry	Field	Entry
Name of Applicant	(blank)	Phone Number	(blank)
Mailing Address	(blank)	Email Address	(blank)
Parent/Guardian Name	(blank)	Parent/Guardian Phone Number	(blank)
Name of High School	(blank)	High School Office Phone Number	(blank)
Medium	(blank)	Title of Entry	(blank)

Entry form fields: Name of Applicant, Mailing Address, Parent/Guardian Name, Name of High School, Medium, each with a blank; and Phone Number, Email Address, Parent/Guardian Phone Number, High School Office Phone Number, Title of Entry, each with a blank.

Contest checklist

- □ I understand that the deadline to submit this entry form is April 6, 2026.
- □ I understand that a separate entry form is required for each piece submitted.
- □ I will upload a digital image of my artwork to the designated Google Drive by April 13, 2026.
- □ I have read, understand, and agree to follow all eligibility and contest requirements, and I certify that all information I have provided is accurate.

- □ I give consent for a photo of my artwork to be displayed on the Oregon Federation of Women’s Clubs website.

Signatures

Name of Applicant: (blank) Signature of Applicant: (blank) Date: (blank)

Name of Parent/Guardian: (blank) Signature of Parent/Guardian: (blank) Date: (blank)

Send this signed entry form to Arlene Steenkolk at arlene.steenkolk@gmail.com. The deadline for entering the competition is April 6, 2026.

Find the form and more scholarship information on the [Oregon Federation of Women’s Clubs scholarships page](http://www.oregongfwc.org/scholarships.html).