



Louis and Elsie Freund Scholarship for Young Artists
Administered by the Eureka Springs Historical Museum

2026 Application Form

Eligibility: Must be a graduating senior from Eureka Springs High School, Clear Spring School, or a local home-schooled senior with plans to achieve a degree in the arts.

Applying to (check one): Four-Year College: _____ Two-Year College: _____

Deadline: **Friday, April 10, 2026** **Submit Application To:** scholar@eshmuseum.org

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Name of Your High School: _____

Anticipated Fields of Study / Fine Arts Emphases (check all that apply):

____ Painting ____ Drawing ____ Sculpture ____ Ceramics ____ Textiles/Fibers
____ Jewelry/Metals ____ Mixed Media ____ Graphic Design ____ Photography

Academic Information (please include current high school transcript):

Current G.P.A: _____ Current Class Rank: _____ out of _____ students.

College Entrance Examination Scores (if available):

ACT composite score: _____ SAT combined score: _____

Scholarship Information (list other scholarships/grants you have applied for):

Scholarship Name	Amount	Received (Y/N)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Personal Interests and Activities (list organizations, clubs, extracurricular activity):

Name of Activity	Years Involved	Awards/Honors	Leadership Positions
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List community activities, or volunteering you completed in the past four years:

Work Activities - Are you currently employed (yes/no): _____ Hours/week: _____

If yes, name of current employer: _____

List other work experiences you've had in the last four years: _____

Additional Requirements

Artist Statement (approximately 300 words):

Include a separate type-written artist statement answering the following questions:

1. Why are you pursuing an arts degree?
2. How did Eureka Springs influence your development as an artist?
3. Why are you worthy of consideration for financial aid?

Letter of Recommendation (written by teacher, mentor, or arts professional)

Photos of three (3) works of your original art that demonstrate your style and ability. Photos of artwork should be .JPG format with a minimum width of 1600 pixels. Send photos to scholar@eshmuseum.org and include student name and titles.

Scholarship Application Checklist

All applications are due by **April 10, 2026** and must include the following:

- Completed scholarship application form signed by student and counselor.
- Current high school coursework transcript.
- Copies of ACT and SAT exam score reports, if available.
- Letter of acceptance into an accredited post-secondary arts degree program.
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or arts professional.
- Type-written artist statement (approximately 300 words).
- Digital photos of three works of your best original artwork.

Student Art Exhibition

All applicants that submit completed scholarship applications shall also be considered for inclusion in a special student art exhibition to be displayed at the Eureka Springs Historical Museum during the month of May 2026.

Scholarship Policies and Selection Criteria

The Eureka Springs Historical Museum (ESHM) Scholarship Committee shall award a one-year \$1,000 scholarship funded by the **Louis and Elsie Freund Endowment for Young Artists** to a graduating high school senior in Eureka Springs. The scholarship recipient shall be selected based on the following factors, listed in order of priority:

1. Photos of student work demonstrate a mastery of style, technique, and ability.
2. Letter of recommendation that describes exceptional character and promise.
3. Artist statement exhibits depth of thought, reason, and clear expression.
4. Student transcript, G.P.A. and any college entrance exam test scores.
5. Evidence of financial need.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above scholarship program policies.

Student Applicant Signature

Date

High School Counselor Signature

Date