

# Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship Award & Exhibit 2026



**Applications and portfolios due by THURSDAY, April 23, 2026 at 5:00pm**

**Scholarship Awards will be announced on Thursday, April 30, 2026**

**Exhibit opens to the public on Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

**Exhibit reception, May 11, 2026 6:30pm**

The Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship Award was established in memory of Damaris (Dee) Schulte by her family, including her late husband Dick, and sons, Philip and Mike. An artist in her own right, Dee had a Bachelor's Degree in Art and a Master's Degree in Art Education. This Award honors Dee as an artist and recognizes the dedication and many contributions she made to the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC):

- Taught art classes for the PCAC
- A PCAC Board member for 7 years
- Wrote the PCAC history and kept scrapbooks and designed the program for the Follies
- Creator of "The Damaris Booklets"
- The PCCS Middle School Art Contest was named The Damaris Award

On behalf of the family of "Dee" Damaris Schulte, the Plymouth Community Arts Council recognizes Plymouth-Canton School District high school seniors each year who have displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plan to continue their education in this field at the college or university level. **Students must be seniors at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Starkweather Academy.** A completed application, artist statement, teacher recommendation and 3-5 original fine art pieces will make up each student's portfolio package.

Two scholarships (\$1000 and \$500) will be awarded through the Damaris Fine Art Scholarship fund, and one (\$200) PCAC Community Art Merit Award will be given to support deserving young artists who will represent our community at their respective collegiate institutions in the fall. Additional

art merit awards may be added at the judges' discretion. **Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried. Student artists may contact Lisa Howard with any questions about submissions and confirm portfolio drop-off time: 734-416-4278 or [lisa@plymoutharts.com](mailto:lisa@plymoutharts.com)**

**Portfolios should be submitted by April 30, 2026** in person, with art pieces exhibited during the month of May on the walls in our onsite gallery at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

## Art Scholarship Application Requirements



**&emerging artists**  
THE DAMARIS FINE ART AND  
MICHENER FAMILY FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP EXHIBIT

*with featured artists*  
Natalie Bleau Natalie Cuff Madelyne Page

With PCAC Student Artists from our Household & Attached Art Programs  
Exhibit Reception & Scholarship Presentation  
Monday, May 6, 2024 7:00pm-8:30pm

*All are welcome*  
734.416.4278

774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170  
The James Michener Inter-Center for the Arts  
[www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com)

**\*Completed application** - available in PCAC Office or download from our website, [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com) - go to Youth Programs/Damaris Scholarship

**\*Portfolio with 3-5 pieces of original artwork** - label and sign work, one piece should be framed\* Pottery, sculpture, weaving, fibers, photography, original collage, graphic design, printed digital work and jewelry will be accepted; email [lisa@plymoutharts.com](mailto:lisa@plymoutharts.com) for more information on framing or 3D submissions

**\*Art Statements** - A one or two sentence description about each submitted piece

**\*One page essay** - May be typed or handwritten and should talk about what art means to you, the role it plays in your life, or what you love most about creating art.

**\*Recent photo** - school picture or candid shot

**\*Two letters of recommendation** (one may be from a family member)

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## APPLICATION & REQUIREMENTS

To submit Portfolio, you may make an appointment by phone or email with Lisa Howard, 734.416.4278, [lisa@plymoutharts.com](mailto:lisa@plymoutharts.com) or drop off portfolio during posted business hours [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com)  
PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 **Portfolios accepted until April 23, 2026**

**Scholarship winners announced Thursday, April 30, 2026**  
**Exhibit & Award Reception in the PCAC Main Gallery Date TBA**

**REQUIREMENTS: Must be a high school senior in the Plymouth-Canton School District attending Plymouth, Canton, Salem or Starkweather . Must have been accepted to a college program with plans to study art.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School AND Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

*We require that the recipient is registered to attend a post-secondary program to receive funding.  
Scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/university stated on this application.*

List School & Extracurricular Activities, Community Service: (use separate sheet of paper if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT CHECKLIST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please submit 3 -5 pieces of your original artwork. Any photograph used in your work must be original. Any artist submitting digital work must make an appointment for a short, 15 minute interview at drop off. Each piece, as well as portfolio, must be labeled. At least one piece of artwork must be framed. Your portfolio pieces will be exhibited in the Main Gallery at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for the month of May 2026 in the Emerging Artists & Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship Exhibit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please provide a sentence or two explaining each piece that is being submitted including media.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please include a short narrative (no more than one page) describing how art affects your life, what inspires your creative process, or something of interest related to your experience as an artist.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please include a recent photograph.

### TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: *Only one may be from a family member*

- Letter should explain how this individual has demonstrated his/her involvement in the arts.
- It should also include other reasons this individual should be considered: academics, extra-curricular activities, dedication, leadership, etc.

There will be a presentation of the Damaris Scholarship Awards at each High School's Honors Convocation. Additionally, an exhibit reception will be held at the PCAC on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Winners and participants should make every effort to be present.

**PLEASE NOTE: With your permission, we may reprint your essay, in full or part, and use your picture in press releases, social media, and on the PCAC website about the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship Award. Please sign below if this is acceptable.**

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_