

Art & Design

Scholarships Available!

The Central Michigan University Department of Art & Design is pleased to be accepting applications for the following scholarships.

The application form and PDF portfolio are due March 15, 2025, by Midnight.

Please read the portfolio instructions before applying.

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/5djtfndYJMGJNC6B8>



A completed application enters you into consideration for the following scholarships, as applicable.

Portfolio Submission Instructions:

Upload your PDF portfolio to the application. The maximum file size for upload is 50MB. Your PDF may include web link(s) for videos or animations. Instructions on how to create a single PDF from multiple files can be found here: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/acrobat/how-to/merge-combine-pdf-files-online.html>. If you have issues uploading your portfolio, you are welcome to email the file to artanddesignscholarships@cmich.edu. The maximum file size for email submission is 10MB.

INCOMING FRESHMAN OR TRANSFER STUDENTS INTENDING TO MAJOR IN ART: 4–8 images/examples of your creative work. Please create a single multi-page PDF with all images. Detail images and multiple views of the same work are not counted as part of the maximum of 8. Clearly identify the work with title, date of completion, medium, and dimensions.

ANIMATION, GRAPHIC DESIGN & STUDIO ART MAJORS (BFA & BAA): Portfolio of 4–8 images/examples of your creative work. Please create a single multi-page PDF with all images. Detail images and multiple views of the same work are not counted as part of the maximum of 8. Identify the work with title, the course that it was completed in (if applicable), date of completion, medium, and dimensions.

BA ART HISTORY MAJORS: 2–4 written assignments in art history: These may include mid-term or final exams, written assignments, and research papers. Identify the work with title of work, the course completed in, and the date of completion.

BS ED VISUAL ART EDUCATION MAJORS: Portfolio of 2–5 images of creative work and 1–2 written assignments: These may include mid-term or final exams, written assignments, research papers, or lesson plans. Each example must be identified with the course completed (if applicable) and the completion date. Please submit all written assignments and images/examples of your creative work as a single PDF. Identify the work with title of the work, the course that it was completed in (if applicable), date of completion, medium, and dimensions.

MULTIMEDIA DESIGN MINOR (not an Art Major): 4–8 images/examples of your creative work. Please create a single multi-page PDF with all images. Identify the work with title, completion date, medium, and dimensions.

Stephen L. Barstow Memorial Art Scholarship- 55

Financial Need

Awarded based on financial need, emphasizing promoting Native Americans in the Arts.

Eligibility:

- 1: Meet Office of Financial Aid requirements for financial aid.
- 2: Signed Art major*
- 3: Minimum GPA in Art of 2.5 for first-year students, 3.0 for all other students.
- 4: Must be a full-time student for the Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 5: Previous recipients may reapply

Stephen L. Barstow Memorial Art Prize -54

Native American & Other

Preference is given to Native Americans, all art majors may apply.

Eligibility:

- 1: A tribal ID from a State or Federally recognized Native American tribe (if applicable)
- 2: Signed Art major*
- 3: Minimum GPA in Art of 2.5 for first-year students, 3.0 for all other levels
- 4: Previous recipients may reapply

Katherine Ardis Ux Art Scholarship

In support of Senior Year Presentations/ Exhibitions

Established in 2001 by Evert and Dorothy Ardis in honor of his sister Katherine Ardis Ux, former art department faculty member and accomplished artist. This endowment supports awards for undergraduate students entering their senior year pursuing a degree in the Department of Art and Design within the College of Arts and Media. Preference given to students who intend to pursue further study or conduct research in the field of art in a master's program or other type of structured art program after completing their undergraduate degree.

Eligibility:

- 1: Senior standing at CMU for Fall & Spring semesters of the award year

- 2: Signed Art major*
3. Must be a full-time student for the Fall & Spring semesters of the award year (unless fewer than 12 credits are needed for graduation)
- 4: Previous recipients may not reapply

Evelyn Frye Smith Scholarship

Open

Eligibility:

- 1: Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior standing at CMU for Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 2: Signed Art major*
- 3: Minimum GPA in Art of 2.5 for first-year students, 3.5 for all other levels
- 4: Previous recipients may reapply

Williams & Koerner Scholarship in Art & Design

Multi Media Design Minor

This scholarship was established in 2021 by Cody Williams '17 and Katia Koerner '17. Cody and Katia were classmates at CMU and have remained friends since graduating.

First preference is given to students enrolled in the Multimedia Design minor. Second preference will be given to Graphic Design and/or Animation majors. All art majors may apply.

Eligibility:

- 1: Junior or Senior Standing at CMU for Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 2: Minimum GPA in Art of 3.0
- 3: Must be a full-time student for the Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 4: Previous recipients may not reapply

Frances E. Fitch Art Scholarship

Open for Junior or Seniors

Eligibility:

- 1: Junior or Senior standing at CMU for Fall & Spring semesters of the award year (minimum of 9 credit hours per semester)
- 2: Signed Art major*
- 3: Minimum GPA in Art of 3.5
- 4: Previous recipients may not reapply

David R. Fisher Memorial Award

Photography

Eligibility:

- 1: Minimum GPA in Art of 3.0
- 2: Must be a full-time student for the Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 3: Interest in photography
- 4: Previous recipients may reapply

John W. & Marilyn D. Richards Art & Design Scholarship

Financial Need - Sculpture or Ceramics

Eligibility:

- 1: Junior or Senior standing at CMU for Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 2: Meet Office of Financial Aid requirements for financial aid
- 4: Minimum GPA in Art of 3.0
- 5: Must be a full-time student for the Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 6: Interest in sculpture or ceramics
- 7: Previous recipients may not reapply

Morris Family CMU Endowed Scholarship

Open

Eligibility:

- 1: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior standing for Fall & Spring semesters of the award year
- 2: Minimum GPA of 3.2
- 3: Must be a full-time student for the Fall & Spring semesters of the award year

(*) All incoming freshman or transfer students intending to major in Art are eligible.