



Rhoda Psaty Holzer
January 16, 1951 – August 10, 2016

Rhoda Holzer Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship

January 2, 2017

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Attached is an application to apply for the inaugural scholarship in memory of Rhoda Holzer.

Rhoda and her husband, Stuart, moved to Briarcliff Manor in 1975 and raised their three children here, all of whom graduated from Briarcliff High School. A talented artist, Rhoda earned her BFA from The Tyler School of Art at Temple University, and, later, a certificate in Botanical Illustration from the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG). She then went on to teach courses in botanical illustration at the NYBG. Over the years she had several solo exhibitions of her work, including exhibits of her botanical watercolors at the Greenwich Audubon Society and at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve.

In the fall of 2015, Rhoda led a workshop for the Briarcliff High School AP Art students. She loved teaching art and sharing the creative experience, and especially loved her time with the AP art class. It reminded her of her own time as a girl and young art student learning to express herself and her appreciation of nature through her artwork.

The Rhoda Holzer Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship has been established to serve as a lasting tribute to her in the community where she lived for over 40 years, raised her family, formed close friendships, and enriched so many lives. Each year, a \$5,000 scholarship award will be made in Rhoda's memory. The Fine Arts Scholarship will help graduating BHS seniors who have demonstrated a love and appreciation of fine arts primarily through their own art work, as well as through cultural interests, to pursue their Fine Arts studies.

Please complete the attached application along with the items listed on the Application Checklist of Requirements and return to the Briarcliff High School Guidance Office by April 3, 2017.

On behalf of Rhoda's family and friends, thank you for your interest in the Rhoda Holzer Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship.

Sincerely,

The Holzer Family – Stuart, Brooke, Craig & Leah

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Award:

A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a qualified graduating senior from Briarcliff High School to be used towards the costs of his/her accredited 2- or 4-year educational institution. (The Committee reserves the right, at its discretion, to divide the award between two recipients.)

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a graduating Briarcliff High School senior
- Applicant must have a demonstrated commitment to fine arts, primarily shown through his/her own artwork and school coursework
- Applicant must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university, preferably as a fine arts major or minor concentration
- Applicant must complete all parts of scholarship application by the stated deadline

Selection Process:

The Scholarship Selection Committee will select recipient(s) based upon subjective criteria, including:

- Evaluation of traditional portfolio (Artistic craftsmanship: attention to detail, ability to problem-solve and develop creative solutions, mastery of skills and techniques)
- Demonstrated interest in the fine arts
- Letter of recommendation from an academic (non-art) teacher
- Academic record (transcript)
- Extra-curricular activities (resume)
- Written essay and personal goals
- Demonstrated financial need may be considered, but is not a requirement

Application Process:

Eligible students should submit a scholarship application along with the required documents to the Briarcliff High School Guidance Department **no later than Monday, April 3, 2017**, to be considered.

Notification:

The Briarcliff High School Guidance Office will notify recipient of his/her selection in invitations to the BHS Awards Ceremony occurring on May 22, 2017.

Payment:

The scholarship will be paid directly to the Bursar's Office of the college or university which the recipient will be attending in the fall.

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2017 Scholarship - Checklist of Requirements

This checklist and all items on this checklist must be submitted to the Briarcliff High School Guidance Department no later than April 3, 2017.

- Scholarship Application Information - *This section must be completed by the student.*
- Traditional art portfolio - *Minimum of 10-12 pieces.*
- Applicant Verification - *This section must be signed by a Briarcliff High School Guidance Counselor.*
- Copy of Briarcliff High School Transcript
- Resume (or High School Activities List), which should include, if applicable:
 - High school accomplishments, honors and/or awards
 - Any art shows/competitions to which you have submitted your artwork, including outcome of submission
- Written Essays - *Please see Application for essay topics.*
- Letter of Recommendation - *This section must be completed and signed by an academic (non-art) teacher.*
- Letter of Acceptance from college or university (if available by April 3rd scholarship application deadline). *Must be submitted before scholarship award payment is processed.*
- Certification and Release Authorization - *This section must be signed and dated by both the applicant and his/ her parent/guardian.*

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2017 Scholarship – Applicant Verification

To be completed by Briarcliff High School Guidance Counselor only:

I hereby certify that the application is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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2017 Scholarship – Letter of Recommendation

Student's Name: _____

The student named above is applying for an award through the Rhoda Holzer Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship. The Rhoda Holzer Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship has been established by her family and friends to honor her memory and to support talented young artists in her community. Each year, a \$5,000 scholarship award will be made in Rhoda's memory. The Fine Arts Scholarship will help graduating BHS seniors who have demonstrated a love and appreciation of fine arts primarily through their own art work, as well as through cultural interests, to pursue their Fine Arts studies.

Each applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from an academic (non-art) teacher. This letter will be helpful to the Selection Committee's decision making process. All information will be held in strict confidence. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Recommender's Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Please list subject(s)/grade(s) you taught the student named above:

Signature of Recommender

Date

Please return this signed form and your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope to the student named above no later than March 31, 2017, so that s/he may include it with the other scholarship application materials.

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2017 Scholarship – Certification and Release Authorization

I certify that all information I have provided is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of this information to confirm/verify this application. In addition, I give permission to the Scholarship Selection Committee to duplicate my application packet for processing and evaluation purposes. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give my permission for publicity release.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

I certify that all information provided by my child is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of his/her information to confirm/verify this application. I give my permission for publicity release.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____