**2020 Jewell Pratt Burns Art Scholarship**

The Prince William Art Society regrets to announce **we will not be able to award the Jewell Pratt Burns Scholarship for 2020**. Gov. Ralph Northam announced Monday March 23rd that public and private schools in Virginia will be closed through the academic year to fight the spread of the novel coronavirus. The Prince William Art Society will be unable to work through the schools to distribute scholarship information, interact adequately with teachers to obtain recommendations and schedule interviews, and will be unable to utilize public spaces for necessary meetings and interviews. We regret the necessity of withdrawing this opportunity from talented county students this year and sincerely look forward to being able to provide the scholarship at the end of the 2021 school year.

 Prince William Art Society has awarded competitive scholarships every academic year since 2008 to selected Prince William county students in the 12th grade preparing to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts or Art Education. A $1,000 scholarship will again be presented in May 2020 to each of up to two students selected from all eligible applicants.

**Scholarship Application Procedures:**

 Students must send an Intent To Apply letter by Thursday April 2nd containing a simple statement of intent, such as: “I intend to apply for the Prince William Society Art Scholarship” along with their name, the name of their school, and contact information so they can be contacted with any necessary changes or updated information, and to ensure that their final portfolios can be returned to them after the selection process. This letter is to be submitted by Email to: prattburns@gmail.com

 Students’ final application materials must be hand delivered or mailed and postmarked by or before the final deadline of Thursday, April 29th to:

Jewell Pratt Burns Scholarship Committee,

12229 Dapple Gray Court,

Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Final applications must include:**

1. *Teacher Recommendation*

The student must be recommended by her/his art instructor based on the student's talent, potential, and desire to go forward in the field of Visual Arts. This recommendation must be signed by the art instructor and include the art instructor's email and phone number.

2. *Student Statement of Future Intent*

The student should prepare a letter addressed to the Prince William Art Society indicating the high school the student currently attends, why he/she should receive the scholarship, and how the scholarship will assist her/him in their career plans. The letter should state the college where the student has been accepted, their planned major, and be signed by the student.

3. *Portfolio*

The student must submit a digital portfolio on a USB drive or CD/DVD of at least 5”x7”/ 300 dpi that includes five pieces of their original artwork in the student's choice of media. *Each art piece must be identified by media and date of completion.* No commercial images are accepted and any detection of alteration to the digital images of non-digital artworks will result in disqualification.

 A panel of artists from the Prince William Art Society reviews all application materials submitted. Once finalists have been identified, the panel meets and interviews the finalists. Hand carrying original work to the interview is encouraged, and can be helpful in displaying the student's talent.

 Application materials are returned upon request and letters sent to all finalists and the scholarship winners. The scholarships are awarded at a reception held in the evening during the May 25th meeting of the Prince William Art Society.

 In closing, we would like to thank the Prince William County School System for the guidance and care given to these fine young artists of the future, and for allowing the Prince William Art Society the opportunity to be a part of this vision.

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