en Plein Air: The Shutterbug Gallery & Huntsville Festival of the Arts Student Arts Bursary

2013 Bursary Application and General Information

**Background:** In 2009, The Shutterbug Gallery in partnership with HFA (Huntsville Festival of the Arts) began its annual ‘fringe’ event of the festival, the En Plein Air Painting & Auction. Proceeds from the annual events are directed to a student art bursary for students pursuing a fine arts education in the visual arts, and three $1,000 scholarships were awarded in the spring of 2012, with nearly $10,000 in scholarships awarded to date. Proceeds from the 2012/4th annual event now await recipients.

**Current Status:** Four thousand dollars ($4,000) was raised by Muskoka artists in 2012 to provide four bursaries of $1000 each for students in the Muskoka Tri-Towns - Huntsville, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst. (Note that the amount of the bursaries will fluctuate from year to year based on monies raised in a given year.)

**Award Criteria and Judging Details**
To qualify for a en Plein Air Shutterbug Gallery & Huntsville Festival of the Arts bursary, you must be enrolled in a secondary school in Muskoka, be pursuing a post-secondary education in the visual arts and be in your graduating year or have graduated within the past year but are not already attending college, university or another form of post-secondary education.

A panel established by Kelly Holinshed will do the judging of the applications. Decisions of the panel are final. The bursaries will be presented at local high school graduation ceremonies at the end of the 2012/2013 school year. Once the winners are known, so will their school; the date and details of the presentations will then be confirmed with Kelly.

**The Application**
Your application must include a portfolio, letter of intent, copy of your college or university’s acceptance letter and your full contact information in Muskoka. The deadline for making submissions: May 27 to June 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.

- **Portfolio:** The portfolio is your opportunity to present a collection of ten (10) original pieces or a documentation of your work in the form of photographs – that best represent you and your art form. Portfolios are to be mailed, couriered or dropped off at The Shutterbug Gallery in Huntsville and will be returned two weeks following the deadline. Portfolios that are sent by mail or courier must also include a self-addressed return label as well as sufficient postage and packaging for its return. No e-mailed applications will be accepted.

- **Letter of Intent:** 250 words maximum. It should describe past achievements, short range and long-term goals, and your reasons for pursuing a post-secondary education in the visual arts.

- **Acceptance Letter:** A copy of the acceptance letter for post secondary education must be included with your application. **Note:** if you are still awaiting acceptance, please apply with proof of application and should you be chose, you will be contacted prior to graduation for proof of acceptance.

- **Contact Information:** Include with your application, a current contact address, email address and telephone number for you in Muskoka.

**Note:** Incomplete applications will not be processed.

For further details:
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