

SYLVIA MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP Application

Thank you for your interest in the Sylvia McConnell Scholarship! This \$1,000 scholarship was created in honor of the late Sylvia McConnell of Wetumpka, AL. Sylvia was one of the founding board members of The Kelly and served on the Board as an officer for a number of years. She taught in Elmore County Schools for over 37 years, and now we present this annual scholarship to continue her legacy.

This scholarship is for a high school senior attending an accredited Elmore County high school who plans to study art in college and is passionate about pursuing art as a career. Eligible students must have a GPA of C or above to be considered.

The Award will be presented to the winning candidate by members of the Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts. Applications are **due by Friday, March 31st**, and the scholarship is awarded in the spring.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Scholarship@TheKelly.org or (334) 478-3366.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

GPA: _____

Desired College: _____

Desired Major: _____

QUESTIONS

Please answer the following three narrative questions on this form or attached to this form. Length of answers is of less importance than thoroughness and thoughtfulness.

1. Please describe your art, your inspirations and how you plan to pursue Art as your career path.
2. Please describe a difficult challenge you have overcome or a success you have achieved that you feel is significant to you.
3. Please describe how you would be a good representative of Elmore County as you pursue your post-baccalaureate endeavors.

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

- A certified copy of your transcript and your SAT or ACT scores that should be provided by the Guidance Counselor.
- Two letters of recommendation/reference, one of which **must** be from your art teacher. (Please see "Letter of Reference Criteria" for more details.)
- Photos of your art portfolio. We request that a thumb drive, photos, or other digital documentation of your portfolio. This is not used to select the winner but to complement your application. All portfolio documentation will be returned to the candidates.

You may email this information to us at Scholarship@TheKelly.org, mail to us at PO Box 641, Wetumpka, AL 36092, or come by the gallery to drop off your packet at 124 Company Street, Wetumpka, AL 36092.

SYLVIA MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP Letter of Reference Criteria

Candidates must submit two reference letters. One **must** be from their Art Teacher, and the other can be from a community or church member who is well acquainted with the candidate. Please include these letters in the Application Packet to be returned to The Kelly Fitzpatrick Center for the Arts Board.

Letters may be handwritten or typed.

QUESTIONS

Please answer the following in your letter of recommendation on behalf of this student candidate.

1. Include personal contact information and the relationship to the student.
2. Describe personal character traits of the candidate and how long you have known them.
3. Describe the ability of the candidate to be dependable, courteous, and respectful of others. How well would the candidate represent Elmore County?

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