

MERIT AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

1. Purpose of Program

To provide awards to Art Institute students who show evidence of merit and the motivation to successfully complete the program, but who are unable to enter classes or continue in the program without additional financial assistance.

2. Award Criteria

In order to be considered for a Merit Award, the student must meet the following criteria:

- If less than one year of previous postsecondary education, a final High School cumulative grad point average (CGPA) of at least 2.5, *OR*
- If a minimum of one year of postsecondary education, at least a 2.5 CGPA at the previous institution, *OR*
- If presently an Art Institute student, maintenance of at least a 2.5 CGPA while attending The Art Institute of Pittsburgh - Online Division.
- GED recipients must score a minimum of 50 on all these sections: Writing, Interpreting and Math.
- Financial need as demonstrated by completing the required financial aid forms and acceptance of all aid offered (see below). *In no instance will Merit Scholarship be awarded in excess of direct educational costs.*

3. Instructions

- *For New Students* - Complete this application and all other financial aid forms required by the Student Financial Services Office. In order to expedite your consideration for an award, a copy of your high school or previous transcript must be submitted to the Admissions Office.
- *Continuing Students* - Complete this application. Check with the Student Financial Services Office to ensure that your financial aid file is complete. Submit all appropriate forms to the Student Financial Services Office by mail, fax or scanned in an email.

Submit to: The Art Institute of Pittsburgh - Online Division (Admissions Office)
1400 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15221. Fax: (412) 281-4657

Student's Name	
Student ID or Social Security Number	Date
Academic Program Enrolled	
Start Date	Expected Graduation Date
High School Graduation Date	High School CGPA
College Name, if any	College CGPA, if any
Art Institute school Name, if any	Art Institute school CGPA, if any

Certification

I hereby request consideration for an Art Institute Merit Award based on evidence of my academic merit and my financial need. I understand that award of these funds is made on a competitive basis, and that, if I receive a Merit Award, I must maintain a 2.5 CGPA while attending The Art Institute of Pittsburgh - Online Division.

Student's Signature	Date
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TERMS: CGPA: This scholarship is awarded based on your previous grade point average. In order to continue to receive All Merit Scholarship, you must continue to maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5. If your CGPA drops to below 2.5 you will forfeit the remainder of the award. Should you regain a minimum CGPA of 2.5, you are eligible to re-apply for this scholarship. Awards are based on fund availability.

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CGPA / GED on record: _____	Workload: <input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> ¾ <input type="checkbox"/> PT	Amount Granted per quarter: \$ _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CGPA--OK closed	