



## Criteria and Guidelines for Rotary Fine Arts Awards

### Who is Eligible?

- Applicant must be a graduating senior enrolled in an accredited secondary program in Montgomery County as of January 1, 2010
- Applicant must be pursuing further education at the college or university level in the fall of 2010
- Applicant does not have to be enrolled in a formal program of training for the arts, but must contribute their talent in some way to the community.

### What is the Award?

- The award shall consist of a \$750 cash award plus a handsomely framed certificate, which shall read "Award for Excellence in the Arts", plus the category in which it was presented, the date, and the recipient's name. A total of six \$750 awards will be given to students in Montgomery County.

### How to Apply?

Students must formally apply for the award by submitting:

- The official **Rotary Club Fine Arts Award Application Form** to one of the members of the Fine Arts faculty at their respective high school. There is no limit on how many students may apply for each award.
- The official **Rotary Club Fine Arts Award Nomination Form** from his or her respective high school. Such school endorsement can originate from any teacher or school official (not just the fine arts faculty) and must be in writing. Nominees should be endorsed based on their demonstrated excellence in their art, as opposed to service, leadership, or other factors. Again, while there is no limit on how many candidates may be nominated for each award, the reverse is also true. A school may opt not to endorse certain applicants if it feels that the candidate involved is not really qualified for the corresponding award, in the sense of these guidelines. Not all of the awards identified herein will necessarily be given each year, although they can be if enough qualified students apply.
- Applicants must submit **letters of recommendation** from individuals who are qualified to comment on the student's competence in the arts. It would be helpful if such letters would come from individuals rather than a school teacher or official.
- Application forms, letters of endorsement, letters of recommendation and other supporting materials should be sent to Leslie M Frantz, 1516 Oriole Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060. All materials must be **received by 5:00 on March 10, 2010.**

### Selection of Finalists

The application materials will be evaluated by the Fine Arts Committee of the Rotary Club of Blacksburg, who will choose the finalists to compete for the awards in each category. The ultimate selection of the award winners will be based on a personal or audiovisual audition, to be judged by the same Rotary Fine Arts Committee. Finalists will be invited to submit, by their choice, at least one of the following:

- a) an audition tape (audio and/or video), not to exceed 15 minutes in total length of performance
- b) no less than 3 or more than 5 works of visual art (originals, or if the applicant prefers, photographs or slides of the originals)
- c) a request for a personal appearance before the committee (performances need not be by memory)

All finalists must comply with the above requirements in order to be eligible to win an award. Personal interviews/ auditions will be held on March 17, 2010 beginning at 6:00 PM in Squires Salon 162.

### Presentation of Awards:

The awards will be presented twice, Once at a special art exhibit, reception, and concert sponsored by the Rotary Club of Blacksburg on April 22, 2010, and also at the student's graduation and/or high school awards ceremony. Winners of the awards will be expected to display their talents to a most appreciative audience of Rotarians, their spouses, guests, parents and friends on April 22, 2010 during the Noon Rotary Meeting at Blacksburg Country Club.