

Martha G. Smart Art Scholarship

All Art, Art Education and Interior Design majors who meet the qualifications listed below are encouraged to apply for the Martha G. Smart Art Scholarship.

Martha G. Smart was an alumni of Georgia State Women's College in 1949 and Valdosta State College in 1973. She retired as a biology and science teacher from Valdosta High School. She was an accomplished potter, attending ceramics classes at Valdosta State College in the 1970's and 80's. Her loving family established a living memorial in her name to assist outstanding students through the gift of a scholarship to support creative engagement and academic success. Mr. John L. Smart, son of Martha G. Smart, desired that a scholarship fund be established for educational purposes, in particular for students that exhibit an extraordinary talent in the three-dimensional arts.

Amount:

Up to \$1000 per semester for the fall and spring semesters. This award is subject to review by the Department of Art & Design Scholarship Committee each semester for renewal. The Smart Scholarship will begin in the fall semester and will be continuous (*pending the availability of funds*), fall and spring semesters only, until graduation or until the student has completed 129 semester credit hours, whichever comes first. The student must continue to meet all the criteria outlined in the Smart Scholarship Fund Agreement.

The successful applicant must:

- be a declared major in the Art, Interior Design or Art Education programs.
- have been enrolled at VSU for at least one year & must not have completed more than 105 semester credit hours.
- pursue at least 12 credit hours per semester and be enrolled in a minimum of one major curriculum class per semester.
- maintain a 2.7 overall GPA, and a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in major course work.

Applicants must submit to the Scholarship Committee:

- a completed VSU Department of Art Scholarship Application Form. This form is located on the Art Scholarships & Financial Aid web site: <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/arts/art/art-scholarships.php>).
- a letter which states your intention to apply for the Martha G. Smart Scholarship. The letter should address your need for financial assistance, as well as your interest in three-dimensional art. This letter should include your current mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address and student ID number. *Students who are applying for multiple scholarships at one time must state so in this letter of application.*
- a current unofficial transcript (transcript may be obtained from the student's access to Banner)
- a portfolio containing up to two images each, of five (5) examples of your three-dimensional works of art. All submissions will be made digitally. Digital images must be in .jpg format and must accurately represent the work. Image files must be labeled: **name_title.jpg**

Entry Deadline:

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 pm, on **September 24, 2021**. All application materials must be submitted digitally, to artscholarships@valdosta.edu. Incomplete entries will not be reviewed.

- **All information and application form can be found at VSU Department of Art web site:**
<http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/arts/art/art-scholarships.php>

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