

## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ 2023 Western Art Academy Scholarship

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ provide awards for students to attend the Western Art Academy (WAA) held in Kerrville, Texas. The award will be presented to outstanding 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the School Art Program. The dates for the summer 2023 session are June 11 - July 8, 2023 at the Schreiner University Campus in Kerrville, Texas.

**WAA SCHOLARSHIP:** WAA is a four-week intensive program held in Kerrville, Texas under the direction of Schreiner University. Students study sculpture and oil painting with a focus on Western heritage as their subject matter. Students work with models and are taken on field trips for study. Students will receive 3 hours of college credit if they complete the course with a passing grade. Classes are conducted in studio style setting Monday through Saturday for eight hours a day. Students stay in housing at Schreiner University and are chaperoned by WAA staff members. Sundays are free days, though still chaperoned. Students are not able to leave campus without a chaperone.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provides all fees, art materials, housing and food. Students are responsible only for transportation from Schreiner University, as well as laundry fees and any miscellaneous personal expenses. A charter bus will be provided to transport students to WAA if desired. Once students have checked in, they may not use their own cars. After the students are checked in at the Western Art Academy, any family and friends who have accompanied the student depart and can then return on Parents Weekend and on the last day for the closing reception where the students will be honored and their artwork displayed. There will also be one visitation weekend.

Students who attend WAA are required to adhere to a strict code of conduct provided by the Western Art Academy. This code of conduct prohibits consumption of alcohol, sexual promiscuity, and use of drugs and misbehavior of any kind. There will be no exceptions to the conduct required and zero tolerance for students who do not conform to the purpose and intent of WAA. Students may be dismissed from WAA due to misconduct; transportation will not be provided for any students dismissed from the workshop.

Students who are extended and accept an invitation to WAA **MUST** complete the entire course. Students who, without prior consent from Show management, do not complete the course will forfeit further auction, educational opportunities, and college scholarship opportunities through the School Art Program.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to apply for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy Scholarship Award, a student must meet artistic and academic criteria. HLSR judge members will interview selected applicants and review their art portfolios as part of the final selection process.

**Artistic:** Applicants must be high school 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students whose artwork receives Best of Show, Gold Medal, Special Merit or Finalist honors in the current year's School Art Program competition. Applicants who qualify for an interview must bring their portfolios and sketchbooks with them for review.

**Academic Standing:** To be eligible to apply, a student must be passing all subjects with a minimum grade of 70 at the time of application. If the applicant's interview will occur during a grading period other than the one when application was made, the applicant must provide proof of academic eligibility. Academic eligibility will be verified by a school official and/or by documentation as required by the application.

**Letter of Recommendation:** A letter of recommendation from the student's art teacher **must** be included. Letters may be handwritten or typed but should not exceed one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, front and back. The letter of recommendation should be submitted in a **sealed** envelope with the art teacher's signature across the seal or submitted electronically via email to [SchoolArtScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:SchoolArtScholarship@gmail.com) from the art teacher's district email address.

The student's name, school district and school name, grade level and art teacher's name must be in the upper right corner of the first page.

The letter of recommendation should include, but is not limited to, the following points:

- the art teacher's assessment of how the student would benefit from participating in the WAA Workshop,
- the student's ability, talent and strengths,
- how the student handles criticism,
- maturity level of the student, and
- personal observations that provide insight into the character of the student that would be helpful in the evaluation process.

**Please provide a photograph or scan of 2022-2023 HLSR artwork submission**

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Applications will be given to eligible 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, whose artwork received Best of Show, Gold Medal, Special Merit, or Finalist honors in the current year's competition. Applications are disseminated by Educational Opportunity Representatives (EORs) who are members of the School Art Committee and present at the judging. Applications are found online at <http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/School-Art>.

Communications regarding WAA may occur during the summer; therefore, please provide a current valid email address that can be checked frequently.

**Applications must be postmarked or emailed by the deadline date of January 31, 2023.** The specific date also appears on the individual student's application packet envelope. Applications will not be returned and become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

**EVALUATION PROCEDURE:** HLSR judge members conduct the evaluation and selection of applicants for the Western Art Academy. A personal interview and review of the applicant's portfolio are part of the final selection process. Final determination of the recipients and alternates is the decision of HLSR volunteers and is based on the application, interview, and portfolio review.

**Interview:** A member of the School Art Committee will notify each student who qualifies for an interview and confirm the interview time in March. If you have not been contacted by March 10, 2023, you have not been selected for an interview. Students who plan to apply for WAA should tentatively reserve March 25-26, 2023 at NRG Center pending interview confirmation; the interview cannot be rescheduled due to time constraints.

**Portfolio:** Students selected for an interview should be prepared to bring a representative art portfolio of a minimum 5 examples of their most recent work in addition to a sketchbook. Students may bring a digital portfolio, however this should be supplemental to, and not instead of a paper sketchbook. When possible, the student should also include a photo of the artwork that received an award at the current year's School Art competition.

If the applicant works in more than one medium, examples of work in each media should be included. Examples can be the work itself (preferred) or a photo of the work. **You may not bring slides.**

Portfolio examples should show the range of the applicant's art interests, talent, artistic growth, and ability. Portfolio examples do not have to be of Western art subjects. Please include work done using live models.

Suggestions for the portfolio include:

1. 8 x 10 inches or larger of a self-portrait or portrait study drawn directly from life - not a photo reference (This can be done in any medium but it is important to show correct shading and anatomical proportions.)
2. 8 x 10 inches or larger drawing of a hand (This can be done in any medium but it is important to show correct shading and anatomical proportions.)
3. drawings done from life
4. sketches from sketch books
5. examples of 3-dimensional work

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will not retain the portfolio.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECIPIENTS:** All students selected for an interview will be notified by members of the School Art Committee within the week after the interview on whether the student was selected to attend WAA.

Students who are selected for WAA are expected to fulfill their commitment to attend the course. Should any of the selected recipients be unable to attend, the next qualified alternate will fill that student's slot.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Contact the School Art Scholarship/Workshop Representative whose name and phone number is on the front of your scholarship envelope** or contact the School Art staff coordinator, at 832-667-1268.

**Applications must be completed and returned to School Art Program at the following email [SchoolArtScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:SchoolArtScholarship@gmail.com) or mailing address by January 31, 2023:**  
**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**  
**Attn: School Art Committee - WAA**  
**3 NRG Park**  
**Houston, Texas 77054**

**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™**  
**2023 Western Art Academy Summer Workshop**  
*(Please Type or Print Clearly in Blue or Black Ink)*

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Female  Male

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(not a school email)

Parent Name(s): (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email(s): (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Art Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 Show**

Title and medium of qualifying piece of art: \_\_\_\_\_

Recognition received for 2023 Show:  Best of Show  Gold Medal  Special Merit  Finalist

Have you participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Program prior to this year?  Yes  No

Have you attended in the Western Art Academy prior to this year?  Yes  No

Have you participated in the School Art Auction prior to this year?  Yes  No

If yes, briefly describe previous participation and honors received:

Briefly describe art instruction you have received either in school or in private lessons and the benefit you feel you have received from this additional experience:

List the art media in which you have worked:

List the awards or recognition you have received for your artwork and the dates of these honors. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary (include your name and school at the top of the page).

Please describe why you want to attend the WAA Workshop, include what you hope to gain if selected to attend, how you incorporate feedback from teachers, and any information about you, your talent or circumstances that would help in evaluating your application properly (you may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION**

**High School Official (Registrar or Principal)**

I have examined this application for \_\_\_\_\_ and find the records to be true, accurate and complete. The applicant is eligible to apply and is passing all subjects with a 70 or better average grade. All required documentation is attached.

**Student Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Official (Printed or Typed) title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of High School Official email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number Date

**CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. If selected to receive a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Western Art Academy Scholarship Award, I understand that I am expected to abide by the policies governing the Western Art Academy. (Note: Any false statement in this Application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

I hereby authorize any person, firm or entity to release to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my academic record, activities, honors and awards. A copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as an original. Any person, firm or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with respect to any and all Claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or any other media.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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