

Glassell Advanced Portfolio Preparation Program

Course Description

Through the 2026 School Art Competition, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Glassell School of Art are pleased to offer teen students the opportunity to participate in the **Advanced Portfolio Preparation** program. Applications are accepted each spring for students at the 8th and 9th grade levels for participation the following three academic years.

Program information

- The Advanced Portfolio Preparation (APP) program provides outstanding fine arts instruction for students in public, private and parochial schools in Harris and surrounding counties.
- The Advanced Portfolio Preparation (APP) program is a three-year scholarship for high school students.
- The program offers a full semester scholarship, consisting of a 3-hour class held on Saturdays from 9am-noon for the fall and spring semesters. Each semester is 14 weeks in length.
- Classes are held at the Glassell Studio School. APP classes are taught by Studio School instructors, using the curricula and standards of a formal studio program.
- Students receive a certificate of completion at their fulfillment of the program. Scholarship renewal and advancement in the program is based on completion of class projects, participation in discussions, attendance and attitude. At the end of each semester, students receive written notification of their eligibility to continue to the next semester.
- Regular attendance is mandatory. Students with three or more unexcused absences are dropped from the program. Excused absences include illness of the student or a parent and mandatory school testing. Unexcused absences include participation in non-mandatory school activities such as band, sports, cheerleading and choir.
- Students remaining in the program for multiple semesters have ample opportunity and guidance to develop portfolios for college admissions and receive instruction on the application process for fine-arts college programs.

Curriculum

The APP program includes areas of concentration in two-dimensional and three-dimensional visual arts.

First-year students attend a mixed-media studio course in which they receive instruction in different media and are given time to refine their drawing skills. Second-year students receive advanced instruction in painting. Third-year students explore three-dimensional design and concentrate on portfolio development.

This class takes high school students through the development of a solid portfolio, composition of an artist's statement, and preparation of a strong CV or résumé. In addition, students learn how to create a digital portfolio. 2-D classes concentrate on drawing, painting, and watercolor.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston
2026 Application for Advanced Portfolio Preparation Program
(Please Type or Print Clearly in Blue or Black Ink)
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 1, 2026

Student Information:

Full Name	Daytime Phone	
Address	Evening Phone	
City	ZIP Code	Email Address (not a school email)
Student's age	Birthdate	
School	Grade	

Include with this sheet:

- Attach up to 15 images of the applicant's work. A minimum of six pieces of work must be represented in the 15 images.
- A list of titles for each image, including those pieces that are untitled. Dimensions of each image and media used **must** be included. Submissions without this information will not be considered.
- Two recommendations from art instructors, including Advanced Placement teachers, art supervisors, and district art teachers.

E-Mail application form and materials to:

Portfolioapplications@mfa.org