



Princeton Area
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Thomas George Artists Fund

*Grants Program To Support Emerging Artists
Engaged In Drawing and Painting*

Application Guidelines for the Award

Thomas George is an internationally recognized artist whose work is included in the permanent collections of major museums, universities, corporations and private collections worldwide. He counts himself fortunate for having received financial support early on to study and practice his art.

While the monetary assistance he received through the G.I. Bill and from his family was modest in size, it was immense in affect, providing him with the financial freedom he needed to explore and cultivate an art career. Mr. George wishes to help provide others with these same opportunities:

“Immediately following formal training, an artist may feel a bit lost at sea. That along with possible financial pressures can discourage even the most talented and dedicated. I want to help ease the financial pressure and provide an opportunity for young artists to concentrate on their craft and to experience art as a fulltime occupation.”

Through this grants program, the Thomas George Artists Fund will assist artists at the outset of their careers.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Thomas George Artists Fund grant award. Application packages must be received at the Princeton Area Community Foundation, 15 Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2011.

Grant overview

One \$5,000 grant will be awarded to support an artist engaged in drawing and painting for up to six months directly following his or her graduation from art school or college; or for a student studying art but not seeking a degree, directly following his or her completion of the school or college's art program coursework

Application requirements

- Completed application form
- Transcripts to verify enrollment in art program
- Essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Slides of five drawings and five paintings you have produced

Application deadline & details

Send the required materials by December 9, 2011 to:

Princeton Area Community Foundation
Thomas George Artists Fund
15 Princess Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Questions?

Contact Myriam Padro, Administrator, at the Community Foundation by email at mpadro@pacf.org or telephone at (609) 219 - 1800 x 10.

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the grant is to cover living and/ or other expenses for an artist engaged in drawing and painting so that he or she will have the financial freedom to dedicate their attention fulltime to drawing and painting for a limited period after graduation or completion of art program coursework. This respite from the demands of school and workplace is intended to provide a time for career reflection and planning, and an opportunity to do art.

Use of the Grant

Grant monies may be used for routine living expenses, including rent, utilities, transportation, insurances, food and the like. They may also be used for art supplies; travel and accommodations at locations that will facilitate the artist's drawing and painting; and for nontraditional art study.

Eligibility for the Grant

To qualify for the grant, the applicant must:

1. be a year round resident of New Jersey, and a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.;
2. be studying art at The College of New Jersey, Mercer County Community College or Rider University;
3. be enrolled in an arts program that has provided traditional training in drawing and painting;
4. be on track to: a) graduate with an Associate or Bachelor of Fine Arts degree during the spring or summer of 2012 or b) for students studying art but not seeking a degree, to have completed all of the required art program classes of one of the above schools during the spring or summer of 2012;
5. agree to participate in an interview with the Grant Selection Committee if chosen as a finalist; and
6. agree to show a minimum of two drawings and two paintings completed during the grant period to the Grant Selection Committee if chosen to receive the award.

Grant Selection Committee

The Grant Selection Committee, that will include Mr. George and Princeton Area Community Foundation staff, is responsible for the review and evaluation of grant application packages and for determining the winner of the grant competition.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit an application package that consists of:

- one page application form (see attached);
- transcripts to verify enrollment in an art program at The College of New Jersey, Mercer County Community College or Rider University;

- one to two page essay, typed and doublespaced, on how the grant would be helpful to you financially and artistically (how you would like to use the grant);
- two letters of recommendation, with one from an art instructor at the school you are attending who has taught you drawing, painting and / or related art; and
- slides of five drawings you have produced and slides of five paintings you have produced with title, year, medium and dimensions indicated. *Formats other than slides will not be accepted.*

Timeline

Dec. 9, 2011

Application packages must be received by 5:00 p.m. at the Princeton Area Community Foundation

Feb. 1, 2012

Letters will be sent to all applicants notifying them of the award decision

May-Aug. 2012

Grant award check will be mailed following receipt of evidence of pending or completed graduation, or completion of coursework for those not seeking a degree, during spring or summer of 2012

By Sept. 28, 2012

The winner must schedule a time with the Princeton Area Community Foundation to visit its offices and show a minimum of two drawings and two paintings completed during the grant period to the Grant Selection Committee

By Dec. 31, 2012

The winner must visit the Princeton Area Community Foundation and show a minimum of two drawings and two paintings completed during the grant period to the Grant Selection Committee

Selection Criteria

In reviewing the application packages the Selection Committee will be looking for evidence that the applicant:

- 1) has completed traditional training in drawing and painting;
- 2) has produced art which is technically skilled, deeply felt and reflects a personal point of view; and
- 3) can benefit from this opportunity financially and artistically.



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Application Form

Please return this form, transcripts to verify enrollment in art program, essay, two letters of recommendation, and slides of five drawings and five paintings you have produced to the Princeton Area Community Foundation at the address below by December 9, 2011.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

School Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone # (home) _____ Phone # (mobile) _____

Art Schools/Colleges/Universities Attended:

Name	Address	Dates

Anticipated Graduation or Art Program Completion Date _____

Permission is granted to publicize receipt of the grant award if this application is selected.

Signature of Applicant

Date