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## Excellence in Fine Arts, Talented Student Award & Grant in Aid For Incoming Freshmen

The Art Department offers the following scholarships and awards for incoming freshmen:

- Excellence in Fine Arts Award (EFA) – a four year, renewable award that pays a portion of your tuition and fees
- Talented Student Awards (TSA) – annual award that pays a portion of your tuition
- Grant-in-Aid (GIA) – annual award that pays a portion of tuition or program and service fees

Entering full-time freshmen declaring Art as their major are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2015-2016 academic year. Once you submit your application and portfolio, you will be considered for all three awards.

### Review Criteria

In reviewing applicants, the Student Affairs Committee considers the following:

- Quality of applicant's creative artwork as demonstrated by the portfolio presented, see portfolio information below
- High school grade point average

### Application Deadline Date

For the 2015/2016 academic year, the application deadline is **5:00 pm on March 25, 2015**.

### How to apply

Please send via email the two items on the submission checklist below to Ann Coddington at: **abcoddington@eiu.edu**. Please write Freshman Scholarship Application in the subject line. You may also direct any questions to Ann Coddington, or to David Griffin at: **dfgriffin@eiu.edu**

### Submission Checklist – Details below

1. Portfolio in pdf format, saved as Last Name, first name, portfolio.pdf (example: Maker, Arthur, portfolio.pdf)

2. Application in pdf format, saved as Last Name, first name, application.pdf (example: Maker, Arthur, application.pdf)

# Portfolio Guidelines

## Portfolio Content Suggestions

- In terms of content we encourage you to submit original artwork (no studies taken from magazines, photos or existing artwork).
- The Art Department strongly suggests incoming Freshmen include the following as part of the ten images of artwork selected for the digital portfolio.
- For numbers 1 through 4 submit drawings using graphite or charcoal as the medium:
  - 1) Still life study
  - 2) Perspective study
  - 3) Figure study
  - 4) Drawing using a full value range
  - 5) Drawing in color demonstrating ability with colored media such as colored pencil or pastel

## Photographing your Artwork Suggestions

When photographing your artwork, consider the following:

- For two-dimensional artwork use even, uniform lighting and eliminate glare
- Make sure your images are in sharp focus
- If background is visible, then use a backdrop of solid white or black, or crop out background using photoshop or other photo editing software

## Completed application consists of 2 items:

### 1. Digital Portfolio:

- You may submit up to 10 images of your original artwork.
- These images must be submitted as a single pdf file.
- How to format your portfolio:
  - If you have photo editing software, please size images 720 pixels on the longest side at 72 dpi/ppi
  - Format images in a slide show using PowerPoint or Keynote
  - Each image needs to be labeled with your name, title, media, and dimensions.
  - Then under File > Reduce File Size > Best for viewing on screen 150 ppi.
  - Lastly, save as a pdf.
  - Portfolios must be no larger than 5 megabytes.
- Any animation or video needs to be formatted as a QuickTime Movie, 480p.
  - To do this, open .mov file in QuickTime, File>Export>480p.
- Please preview your pdf to make sure it can be opened and your artwork viewed.
- If the Student Affairs Committee cannot open your file, then the file cannot be reviewed, and you will not be considered for scholarships.
- Include no more than ten pieces of artwork in your pdf. In addition to the 10, you may include two details, for a total of no more than 12 images.
- **Please label the file LAST NAME, portfolio.pdf**
- **File size for your portfolio cannot exceed 5mb**

### 2. A completed EFA/TSA/GIA Application Form

- Open form using Safari web browser
- Using on line form, fill out application.
- The form should be filled out and signed electronically.
- The application forms are available as interactive pdfs at the Department of Art website: [http://www.eiu.edu/artdept/art\\_pdfs\\_file/TSA-GIA-EFA\\_app\\_AY15.pdf](http://www.eiu.edu/artdept/art_pdfs_file/TSA-GIA-EFA_app_AY15.pdf)
- **Please label the file LAST NAME, application.pdf**

Please send the Portfolio and Application via email to Ann Coddington at: [abcoddington@eiu.edu](mailto:abcoddington@eiu.edu). Please write Freshman Scholarship Application in the subject line.