

EIU DEPARTMENT OF ART

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Dear Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students:

The Department of Art would like to welcome you to Eastern Illinois University! The art building is located in the heart of the EIU campus, in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, a state of the art facility designed by renowned architect Antoine Predock. We offer degrees in Graphic Design, Art Education, Art History, 2d Studio and 3d Studio. Please feel free to contact me at cbkahler@eiu.edu to schedule a visit, or answer any questions you might have. Now we would like to make it a little easier for you to come.

The Department of Art 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(only incoming Freshmen are eligible for this award)
- Talented Student Awards (TSA) – annual award that pays a portion of your tuition (incoming freshmen and transfers are eligible for this award)
- Grant-in-Aid (GIA) – annual award that pays a portion of tuition or program and service fees (incoming freshmen and transfers are eligible for this award)

Entering full-time freshmen and transfer students declaring Art as their major are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2017-2018 academic year. Once you submit your Art Department Scholarship application and portfolio, you will be considered for all awards you are eligible to receive.

Only graduating high school seniors who plan to enter EIU as new, full-time freshman declared Art majors are eligible for the Excellence in Fine Arts Award. The value of this award varies somewhat, but as an example, for the 2016-2017 academic year, the EFA award amount was an annual \$2,700.00. In order to retain the EFA award, recipients must maintain a 3.0 Art GPA, a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and be enrolled in a minimum of two art courses per semester; one of which must be a studio course.

The TSA and GIA awards are not renewable, however a student may reapply for these awards every academic year in which they are enrolled full-time as an undergraduate Art major at EIU.

All three awards are merit based and evaluated through a review of the student's creative and scholarly ability as displayed in a portfolio of representative samples of artwork and high school grade point average. Information regarding portfolio requirements and preparing the portfolio are found on the Art Department Scholarships Application Guidelines sheet. In January, these guidelines and an application will be available on our website at: https://www.eiu.edu/art/undergrad_freshman_scholarship.php

You are encouraged to prepare and submit a portfolio for evaluation by the Department of Art for these awards. All applications and portfolios will be due in **March of 2017** for review and consideration of the above scholarships. All applicants will be informed of their status in April of 2017 via email.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about these scholarships or the Department of Art in general. Again welcome to Eastern Illinois University.

Sincerely,

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