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Dear Incoming Freshmen:

The Department of Art would like to welcome you to Eastern Illinois University! 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
- 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.

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 2014-2015 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 review of a student's creative and scholarly ability, and potential 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 stated on the 2015-2016 Excellence in the Fine Arts/Talented Student Award/Grant-in-Aid Application Guidelines sheet. These guidelines and an application can be found on our website at: [http://www.eiu.edu/artdept/applications\\_and\\_forms.php](http://www.eiu.edu/artdept/applications_and_forms.php)

You are encouraged to prepare and submit a portfolio for evaluation by the Department of Art for these awards. All applications and portfolios **must be received by March 25, 2015** for review and consideration of the above scholarships. Late applications will not be reviewed. All applicants will be informed of their status in April of 2015 via email and US Postal Service mail.

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,

*David Griffin*

David Griffin, Chair - Department of Art