

2025 Department of Art Student Awards: Updated Timeline

Applications Open: November 1

Application Closes: November 13 at 11:59 pm

Announcing This Year's Department of Art Student Awards

The FSU Department of Art announces the **2025-2026 Department of Art Student Awards**. These awards recognize the strength of our students, and that means YOU!

The Department of Art offers a number of awards to Studio Art students whose work demonstrates exceptional achievement. Awards range from **\$300 to \$1000**. With a strong application, you have a great chance of being selected!

All awards will be applied to your **Financial Aid package**. If you have questions about how the award will be applied in your specific case, please contact Financial Aid directly.

Eligibility:

All BA, BFA, and MFA Studio Art students in good academic standing and enrolled Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 are eligible to apply. Students selected for awards will see the funding applied to their FSU account in the **Spring 2026 semester**.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Application Opens:** Friday, November 1
- **Application Deadline:** Wednesday, November 13, at 11:59 pm

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

To apply, visit [FSU Academic Works](#).

1. **Log in**, fill out the General Application first, and then select the **College of Fine Arts/Dept of Art Application** to complete the art portion as outlined below. Both parts of the application must be completed to be considered for an award.

Preparing Your Art Award Application — Make It Great! Here's How:

1. **Artist's Statement:**

Develop a concise yet compelling artist's statement between **150 and 300 words**. Start with a brief biographical statement, followed by a description of the ideas that drive your work.

- **SPECIAL NOTE for Undergraduates:** If you wish to be considered for an **Ann Kirn Scholarship** (a \$1000 award limited to undergraduate students), you must

include a thoughtful description of the role that **design** plays in your studio practice.

2. **Select Images of Your Work:**

Choose **five (5) to eight (8) images** that best represent your studio work.

Formatting Your Images:

- Ensure your images are well-photographed and cropped.
- File sizes should be **less than 2MB**, and either jpg or png.
- A video will be considered one image. Submit your video to Vimeo or YouTube and provide a link within your application.
- **Still images should be in square format:**
 - In Photoshop, go to Image > Image Size, resize the image to **1080 pixels** on the longest edge at 72dpi. Then, go to Image > Canvas Size, and set the dimensions to **1080 x 1080 pixels**, selecting black, white, or a color as the canvas extension color. Keep the anchor dot in the center.

3. **Write Descriptions for Your Images:**

Provide the **title, size, medium, and date completed** for each image, along with a brief description. Use this opportunity to expand on the ideas in your artist's statement.

4. **Additional Achievements (Optional):**

If applicable, provide information about:

- Additional scholarships and practice (e.g., residencies, community projects)
- Awards received (include name and date)
- Volunteer hours (list activity and approximate hours)
- Leadership roles (e.g., positions in student organizations)

SPECIAL NOTE:

The application may evolve over several days and will likely take many hours to complete. Take your time, and put thought into each part to greatly improve your chances of success. Once you've laid the groundwork, you'll also be better prepared for future applications for other awards.

Sample applications and tips for writing your artist statement are available on the department website:

[FSU Department of Art Awards Information](#)

Questions?

Contact **Liz Di Donna** at edidonna@fsu.edu