



REGIONAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

(nominated by schools and board of directors)

The Art Merit Award

The Art Merit Award recognizes and honors talent and achievement in the arts and furthers arts education in the Southern Indiana region. These \$500 awards are presented annually to senior high school students at their spring awards presentations.

Eligibility/Criteria: Seniors at Floyd Central, Christian Academy, New Albany, Providence, Jeffersonville, and Corydon Central senior high schools are eligible for The Art Merit Award if the following criteria have been met: 1) The student has demonstrated excellence in the performing or visual arts; and, 2.) The student has committed to majoring in one area of the performing or visual arts; and 3.) The student has a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Nominations: Students may be nominated for The Art Merit Award by school faculty or students may submit self-nominations when accompanied by a faculty recommendation. Policies relating to sources and procedures for soliciting nominations will be determined by each individual school.

The school will submit the names, nomination forms, and supporting documents of its top three to five candidates to The Arts Council of Southern Indiana. A selection committee representing The Arts Council of Southern Indiana will review and select each school's Art Merit Award recipient and the Ed Adams Musical Arts Scholarship recipient.

At the school's awards ceremony, a representative of The Arts Council of Southern Indiana will present the Art Merit Award recipient with a letter stating the amount of the award. This letter will request that the recipient supply The Arts Council with a letter of acceptance from the college or university the awardee will attend. After the Arts Council receives this letter, a check for the award amount will be forwarded to the university.

Nomination forms for the Art Merit Awards are distributed to schools in March and are *due April 18*. Up to three applications from each school are submitted to the Arts Council for consideration. Art Merit Award recipients will be notified the first week of May.

Mayor's Art Awards

The Mayors Art Award Program was initiated in 1998 with New Albany Mayor Doug England. England's successors have continued this tradition. In 2007, Mayors from New Albany, Jeffersonville, and Salem presented \$500 awards to deserving high school students. The Arts Council hopes to eventually have a Mayor's Art Award representing each county in its region.

Eligibility/Criteria: The Mayors Art Awards are presented to students in Grades 10-12 who demonstrate outstanding achievement, recognition, and potential as evidenced by awards through exhibitions, performances, or competitions. The art medium can be visual art, theatre, music, dance, or literary.

The school principals will be notified of the award and should appoint arts faculty to make the selection. The school will notify the Arts Council of the selected student by completing a nomination form and returning it by *May 15*.

The Mayor's Art Awards will be presented at **The Bravo Arts Awards** which will be held in May of each year. The 2008 awards will be presented on May 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pat Harrison Arts Center, 820 E. Market Street in New Albany.

HeARTbeat Award

The Arts Council's Board of Directors selects a board member who deserves special recognition. The recipient of this award is not revealed until **The Bravo Arts Awards** which is held in May of each year. The 2008 awards will be presented on May 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pat Harrison Arts Center, 820 E. Market Street in New Albany. The HeARTbeat Award recipient will receive a special award created by a local artist.