

2026 Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild Scholarship

The Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild was established in 1964 and is the longest, continuously running craft guild west of the Mississippi River. It consists of local artists and crafters who annually donate to groups and individuals that enhance the Black Forest Community. Members of the Guild, the local community and patrons of our Spring and Fall Craft Shows fund the scholarship.

The Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild Scholarship was created in 2006 and is awarded annually to a graduating senior attending a local high school (public, private, charter, or home school). Applicants must physically reside within the 80908 or 80831 zip code area. The school attended does not have to be in the boundaries.

The purpose of the annual Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild Scholarship is to provide financial assistance toward higher education for a student living in the Black Forest/Peyton (80908 or 80831) area who demonstrates academic excellence, involvement in the community, personal growth and commitment to a cause.

Eligible students must have been accepted by the last day of July 2026 in an accredited college, university, or trade school. Any applicant failing to achieve their acceptance will forfeit any award won. Awards are paid directly to school.

Award winners will have their name added to our winners list on our website and will be expected to submit a short 30-60-second video to be used on social media, thanking the community and sharing their future goals.

All qualified applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, which is composed of members of the Guild. The acceptance process is based on the information requested in the application form. It is important to meet the requirements requested in the application.

If interested: Please complete the attached scholarship application and email it to: BFACGScholarship@yahoo.com, NO LATER THAN midnight Sunday May 31, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

Questions should be directed to the Scholarship Chair, Jenny George at (719) 510-2666 or the Guild President, Amanda Kennedy at (719) 466-1019. We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild

Black Forest Guild Scholarship Application:

Please use Arial Font (14), or Times New Roman Font (14)

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

High School _____

Advisor/Counselor _____ Phone _____

School Activities

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Roles and Responsibilities</i>
1. _____	_____ _____
2. _____	_____ _____
3. _____	_____ _____
4. _____	_____ _____

Community Activities

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Roles and Responsibilities</i>
1. _____	_____ _____
2. _____	_____ _____
3. _____	_____ _____
4. _____	_____ _____

Please scan and attach additional pages, if necessary

Additional Requirements:

Create and attach an essay of 400-600 words, double-spaced (NO AI), on the following topic:

Please share your plans for the future, have you applied and been accepted into a college or trade school? What do you plan to study, and how will this training work in relation to a cause or purpose that is meaningful to you? How do you envision contributing to this cause or project? Discuss any challenges you anticipate and how you plan to overcome them on your journey to making a positive impact on your community or world.

- Scan and attach your high school transcript(s).
- Scan and attach three letters of recommendation – at least one of which must be from a school staff member or parent if home-schooled.
- Provide a list of colleges or trade schools where you have applied or scan and attach copies of an acceptance letter from the school you have selected.
- Scan and attach a picture of your head and shoulders. This will only be used for promotional purposes if you win. The committee reviewing the applications will not see it. No submitted items will be returned.

Certification

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. In addition, the essay is self-created. Falsification of information may result in disqualification of the applicant. I also certify that I will allow the Black Forest Arts and Crafts Guild to use my name, college plans, and photograph for publicity purposes. I will expect no further monetary payment for this use.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE E-MAILED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT May 31st, 2026.

BFACGSCHOLARSHIP@YAHOO.COM

Miscellaneous:

- The winner will be notified by telephone and email.
- The winner will be requested to attend the next guild meeting to accept the award.
- The award will be paid directly to the college or trade school.

Boundaries and Amount of Award

Applicants must reside within the 80908 or 80831 zip code area.

The Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild is committed to awarding at least one \$1,000 scholarship. Additional scholarship funds, or the opportunity to award more than one scholarship, may be made possible through the generosity of patrons at our fall and spring craft shows and support from the local community. Because these contributions vary, the final scholarship amount above \$1,000, and the number of recipients will be determined at a later date.

Applicants are judged solely on their merits and accomplishments provided in the application. Once notified, the winner has until June 16, 2026 to claim the award.

If the award goes unclaimed, it will be forfeited and awarded to the 2nd place applicant.

Checklist:

· E-mail your application to: BFACGScholarship@Yahoo.com

If you cannot attach the documents to the application, please make sure and put your name on the top of each page sent separately.

PLEASE be sure that you have attached and included the following:

- 1) Completed application that includes the signed certification page
- 2) Essay
- 3) High School Transcript(s)
- 4) Letters of recommendation (maximum of 3)
- 5) College/Trade School plans, and acceptance letters (if available)
- 6) Photograph (for promotional purposes only, photos will be removed from applications during the selection process)