

2011 Warren County Arts Council Scholarship Recipients

Doris Conner Visual Arts Scholarship

The Doris Conner Visual Arts scholarship is available to Warren County high school seniors who meet other WCAC Scholarship guidelines and plan to major in visual arts. This scholarship is named after a Waynesville artist who spent her adult life painting and giving her paintings generously to friends, family, and institutions. Her son, Stephen Conner, recognizes her passion for the visual arts by sponsoring this scholarship.



Tyler Fewell

Mason High School

A very deserving Mason High School senior, Tyler Fewell, was chosen for this award. He is a well-rounded, excellent student with a desire to develop his artistic abilities in college and to grow as an artist throughout his life. He has prepared himself through years of study in drawing, painting, and digital design, and had real life experience as a caricaturist at Kings Island. Those efforts have resulted in many impressive awards, including the 2011 Ohio Governor's Art Exhibition Top 25 (two of his pieces were selected) & a silver medal for his art portfolio in this year's National Scholastic Art competition. He has also participated in many extra curricular activities, including: sports leagues & youth groups. He is a fine artist and person by all measures. Upon graduation he wants to collaborate with the artist community and to provide artwork to the public. We feel confident that his abilities, drive, and passion will lead to success. He has chosen to study art with an emphasis on illustration at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Moeller Music Center Music School Education Scholarship

The Moeller Music Education Scholarship was established by Larry D. Fullenkamp in an effort to encourage individuals to pursue education and careers in instrumental music school education. The scholarship is named for a local retail music business in southwest Ohio, and the scholarship is available to high school seniors from the Ohio Music Education Association's (OMEA) District 13 and who intend to major in instrumental music school education.



Marie Knueven

Lakota East High School

Marie Knueven is a very dedicated, intelligent, & talented Lakota East High School senior with strong leadership ability, and was chosen for this award. She plays bass and tuba, and has been involved in jazz band, marching band, concert band, and wind ensemble; & has experience and numerous honors to confirm her musical ability, from high school to regional recognition. At high school she was also a two-year field commander, and first chair of the Symphonic Winds throughout all of her high school years. She has been in OMEA District 13's honor band, honor jazz ensemble, honor orchestra, and wind symphony. She has been 2-year All-State Jazz Ensemble bassist; a 3-year member of UC College-Conservatory of Music Preparatory Department Brass Choir on tuba, and a

Wright State Tri-State Honor Band tuba player. She has participated in the Blue Star Drum & Bugle Corps. She is at the top of her class academically and has a strong work ethic and focus. Her Jazz Studies director expressed how genuinely she cares about the success and experience of those around her and that she holds herself and others to a high level of expectation, while maintaining the respect of her peers. She will major in Music Education & Jazz Studies. After graduation her career goal is to teach music to beginners, middle school, high school or college. We feel she will represent well the spirit of the Moeller Music Scholarship in the years ahead.

Larry E. Stone Arts Scholarship

The Larry Stone Arts Scholarship was established in 2011 to honor Larry's vision and dedication as the founder of the Warren County Arts Council. In accordance with Larry's broad and inclusive view of the "Arts", this scholarship has no additional restrictions and follows the same guidelines as the Warren County Arts Scholarships.



Megan Archer

Lebanon High School

Megan Archer of Lebanon High School is the recipient of this award. She is described by her AP teacher as one of the top creative thinkers in a competitive class, and she is an outstanding creative writer. She is also described as a person with the ability to lead. She leads through encouraging discipline, building teamwork, and promoting musical excellence, by being the first to arrive and the last to leave. She has received leadership awards in high school, and has been recognize as the best conductor overall at the Drum Major Academy. Megan's band director describes her as a phenomenal musician and student. Her technical ability and raw talent on saxophone are only matched by her ability to interpret music at a level well above her years. She also plays marimba, vibes, and piano. She has participated in marching band, indoor percussion, jazz band, wind ensemble, solo and ensemble, and honor band. She has been a piano accompanist and drum major. Her passion for music exceeds any other feelings. She wants to teach and inspire students to get involved in the activities that they love. She will major in Music Education at Capital University.

Hawkins Music Scholarship

The Gene and Margaret Hawkins Scholarship is available to a Warren County high school senior who meets other WCAC Scholarship guidelines and plans to major in classical music training. Preference is given to applicants pursuing a career in classical vocal performance, teaching or conducting.



Rachel Smith

Springboro High School

The person chosen for the Gene and Margaret Hawkins Scholarship is Rachel Smith, a Springboro High School senior. She has traveled extensively performing symphonic music, and was selected for the Ohio Ambassadors of Music. This is a group of Ohio musicians that perform in

European cities. Rachel has been very active in her school and community, participating in many activities and clubs while keeping her grades high. She has held leadership roles in her junior year as class secretary and senior year as president. She has been active in every aspect of the music program, participating in Wind Ensemble, marching band, pep band, winter percussion, and school musicals. She has been principle chair oboe player for the Wind Ensemble and the percussion section for the high school marching band since she has been involved. Freshman year she was first chair in OMEA District XIII Honors Band, & a member of honors band ever since. She has performed with the Wright State Tri-State Honor Band for three years. For over four years, she has enriched her study of oboe working with instructors at Wright State University and Miami University. During her life she has played violin, piano, flute, baritone, English Horn, percussion and oboe. We loved that with all her musical accomplishments – she auditioned and made the drum line of marching band her junior and senior seasons. She’s an excellent student with a commitment to community service; we think her nature is in the spirit of this scholarship. She wants to teach and stay active in performance ensembles during her university years. Her dream is to work with others educating students in the pursuit of excellent music. She will major in Music Education at Capital University.

Warren County Arts Scholarship

For the purpose of this scholarship program, arts are defined to encompass vocal and instrumental music education, performance, music theory, composition, art, art history, arts education, creative writing, drama, theatre, media arts, film studies, dance and photography.



Madeleine Bransford

Mason High School

The person chosen for this WCAC scholarship is Madeleine Bransford from Mason. She has studied painting, stained glass, fiber art, drawing, photography, and jewelry. She has designed and sold commissioned pieces of jewelry, and has received recognition in a Garden Center photo contest, and received the Teacher’s Awards in Fiber Arts and Most Creative and Most Fashionable. She received two Excellences in Visual Arts Silver Keys for Jewlery & one Excellence Silver for Sculpture, plus one Excellence of Merit for Jewelry in the 2011 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. In March 2010, she received recognition on the SuddenlyDarling fashion website for her submitted fashion photo. Her teachers credit her open minded approach, flexibility in decision making, and attention to detail as her greatest assets. Her teacher has shared with us that Madeleine can’t get enough art classes, and that she has innate artistic talents and commitment to the arts. She has been accepted into DAAP at the University of Cincinnati and will focus on Fashion Design. Her hopes are that she will be able to utilize her creative side through expression in fashion.

LCNB Arts Scholarship

The LCNB Arts Scholarship was made available in 2011 under the generous sponsorship of Lebanon Citizen’s National Bank. This scholarship follows the same guidelines as the Warren County Arts Scholarships and has no additional restrictions.



Lauren Goodwin

Kings High School

A very deserving Kings High School senior, Lauren Goodwin, was chosen for this award. She is a well-rounded, excellent student with a desire to pursue her interest in the arts upon college graduation. She is a four-year, varsity-letter winner in cross country and track, and placed third at the Division I State Championships in March of this year. Her coach described her as a natural leader with her ability to draw in younger students who elicit her advice and support. She is known to pay great deal of attention to detail & has an eye for preciseness and accuracy. She has displayed persistence pertaining to creative ideas, craft, enthusiasm & focus. She has studied digital media, photography, drawing, painting, and sculpture, & her sculpture work was recognized as best sculpture. She has chosen to study graphic design in Design, Art, Architecture and Planning Program (DAAP) at the University of Cincinnati. After graduation she wants to work for a company doing graphic design for the advertising department. We feel confident that her abilities and drive will lead to success.