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## SAAC scholarship applications are now available!

**STARKVILLE, MS** - Starkville Area Arts Council has a long running tradition of awarding two types of art scholarships each year: college scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and summer scholarships for teenagers. Eligible programs include performing arts, choral music, instrumental lessons, applied arts, visual arts, or creative writing. This year, applications may be submitted online through the SAAC website. Applicants for both programs must reside in Oktibbeha County and currently attend public, private, or home schools. Students already enrolled in college are not eligible.

College scholarships are available for high school seniors who will enroll in an art-related field at an accredited university in Fall 2018. Awards will be paid to the college for the benefit of the student. Applications are due April 27.

Summer scholarships are available for students aged 10 to 18 for summer art-related programs in Summer 2018. These activities may include summer art camps, auditions, or lessons. Awards are paid directly to the arts agency / vendor. Applications are due April 13.

To apply, visit <u>www.starkvillearts.net/grants--scholarships.html</u>.

## About SAAC

Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$30,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. The Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, National Endowment for the Arts, Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Development Authority, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at <u>www.starkvillearts.org</u>.

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