Please return applications to the guidance office by April 1, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.

Wesley Edris Art Scholarship

The Wesley Edris Art Scholarship is intended to provide recognition and assistance to graduates of the Tulpehocken Area school district who have shown outstanding talent in the visual arts and intend to pursue a career in the Fine Arts. The scholarship is presented in honor of Wesley's parents who gave him the tools to pursue his God-given talents in the visual arts, and two of his former teachers, Mrs. Janet Balthaser and Mrs. Grace Carvelle who encouraged and inspired him to pursue a career in the visual arts. Mr. Edris is a graduate of the class of 1973 and has worked in the visual arts for over 55 years. The scholarship will be awarded by the district committee to a student so that they also can pursue their dreams of working in the visual arts (drawing, painting, graphic design or photography).

Eligibility Requirements:

- The recipient will have demonstrated outstanding talent in at least one field of the visual arts:
 - Drawing
 - o Painting
 - o Graphic design
 - Photography
- Applicants for consideration will be required to present the committee with a portfolio of their work for evaluation
- Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation, based on their portfolio of work, from the current art teacher
- Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation, based on their portfolio of work, from another qualified professional in the visual arts
- Applicants must be enrolled in a 4-year undergraduate program majoring in the visual arts at an institute of higher learning

Applicants who have successfully met the criteria will have their portfolio evaluated by the scholarship committee at Tulpehocken Area High School. The committee may seek guidance on the overall excellence of applicant portfolios from current district art teachers when

making judgments. The successful candidate may be asked to present their portfolio to Wesley Edris in the spirit of sharing the quality of their work.

The scholarship will be in the amount of \$500. It will be paid by Wesley Edris. In the event that a single successful candidate cannot be selected by the committee, the committee may contact Wesley Edris to seek permission to divide the scholarship amount between multiple candidates. In such a situation, any qualified recipients may be asked to present their portfolios.