

Walter A. and Lucy Yoshioka Buhler Endowed Scholarship

Biennially the College of Fine Arts will award one scholarship to a deserving student who is majoring in one of the fine arts departments.

Earnings are to be used to provide scholarships to exceptional students enrolled in the USD College of Fine Arts and the School of Business. One scholarship shall be awarded each year and shall alternate between students in the College of Fine Arts and the School of Business. Recipients shall be designated as "Buhler Scholars". Funds awarded will be applied in the following order: tuition and fees. Any unused funds will be returned and added to the Endowed Fund, not to be considered part of original gift value.

Students must initially meet the criteria as listed below.

- Applicants must major in art, music, or theatre at USD to be eligible for this award.
- Recipients shall be graduates of a South Dakota high school or be South Dakota residents.
- Incoming freshmen shall have a 3.5+ GPA and/or rank in the top 25% of their graduating class and demonstrate financial need.
- Recipients must maintain a 3.5+ GPA and have an ongoing financial need to remain eligible for ongoing scholarship support.

Subject to maintaining the GPA requisite, awards shall be equal to in-state tuition and fees for twelve credit hours per semester, per USD Financial Aid common practice, for each year the student is enrolled full-time at USD in the College of Fine Arts, up to four consecutive years.

As part of the application process students willing to apply for this scholarship must respond to the essay questions below. Applicants must major in art, music, or theatre at USD to be eligible for this award. This award is renewable for four years.

Essay Questions

Answer the question in section A and one of the questions in section B. Submit your answers to these essay questions postmarked by **January 20, 2024**, or email your essay as an attachment (pdf preferred) to the address below. Put your name, address and phone number on the top of the essay, and in the body of the email if applicable. For questions, please call (605)658-3444

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- A. Must Answer: What role do you see yourself and the arts playing as contributors to a global society?
- B. Choose one of the following to answer:
- 1) Please describe your creative process as a visual and/or performing artist.
 - 2) Please explain why you want to work in the arts (visual, performing and/or teaching), and describe your long-term goals as they relate to the arts and/or arts education.

The Buhler Scholarship committee will review application materials. One student will be selected by the committee to receive the scholarship award. All candidates will be notified as to their status in the awarding of the scholarship.

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