

**MINNEAPOLIS
COLLEGE of ART and DESIGN**

**Fine Arts Department
Merit Scholarship Guidelines 2025**

Awards

MCAD Senior Fine Arts Merit Scholarships:

One award for each Fine Arts Department Major, in the amount of \$4,000 each, will be granted to students majoring within the Fine Arts Department who are Seniors Fall 2024 and graduating either Fall 2025 or Spring 2026.

Class of 1978 Senior Drawing/Painting Merit Scholarship

Drawing and Painting \$4000

Fine Arts Studio \$4000

Dean Wilson Art of Making Senior Merit Scholarship

Print Paper Book \$4000

Sculpture \$4000

Patricia B Saunders Merit Scholarship

Two awards, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to a Drawing/Painting Major who has 60-80 career credits Fall 2025. The award is renewable for Senior year.

Patricia Kennedy Crump Merit Scholarship

This award, in the amount of \$1,500 will be granted to a Drawing/Painting Major

Kinji Akagawa Merit Scholarship

Two awards, in the amount of \$2,500, will be granted to a student with either Junior or Senior status who displays a Critical Studies or Cross-Discipline submission.

MCAD Fine Arts Studio Merit Scholarship

One award, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to a Fine Arts Studio Major.

Class of 1978 Merit Scholarship

Two awards, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to two Drawing/Painting Majors.

One award, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to a Fine Arts Studio Major.

Dean Wilson Art-of-Making Merit Scholarship

Two awards, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to two Print Paper Book Majors.

Two awards, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to two Sculpture Majors.

Eligibility to Apply	In order to be eligible to apply for Fine Arts Merits, you must have a 2.8 GPA and a declared major within the Fine Arts Department.
Eligibility to Receive	In order to be eligible to receive a Fine Arts Merit Award, you must be a full-time student for the Fall 2025 semester. If you are enrolled in less than 12 credits for Fall 2025, you are not eligible to receive a Merit Award.
Judging	The Fine Arts Department Chair will select qualified jurors to review work submitted by eligible candidates by the submission deadline. The decision of assembled jurors is final.
Application	Sign Up for “Intent to Participate” via the digital form HERE From February 5 - February 19 The Deadline to sign up is WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.
Installation:	All students participating must sign up for an installation location through Exhibition and Studio Services as soon as possible (this sign-up is for installation space only; you must also sign up via the digital form linked above). Exhibition and Studio Services (ESS) Office: Main 207 Phone: 612.874.3748
Installation Deadlines:	Student work must be completely installed <u>and labeled by Monday, March 3 at 8 a.m.</u> at locations throughout the school. Students are responsible for installing their work. The College or division will make no provision for securing or covering work; students should use their discretion. Your work must stay up through 1 p.m. Wednesday for Merit judging and documentation. You should take down your work between 1 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday. YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR WORK BY 9 A.M. THURSDAY. Any remaining work will be removed by ESS and stacked on tables on each floor. You must collect all work by Thursday, March 6 by Noon. ESS will extend their hours Friday, March 24 until 8 p.m., and Saturday/Sunday from 3 – 8 p.m. For special installation needs, contact ESS directly.
Notification	Names of award recipients will be emailed and announced via the MCAD Intranet. A letter from the Financial Aid office will also notify winners.

What to submit

Four to six pieces (or series) of your best work (depending on the extent and scale). The work you submit should focus on your primary concerns.

Up to 10 digital Images may be submitted to document temporal work to the Merits Server. A list to identify this documentation must accompany the images, in addition to any necessary statement or information. If submitting digital images, video (via web link), and/or planning performance work, please alert your department chair. This work must be limited to 10 minutes.

To Access the Merits Server:

Student work must be uploaded to the Merit server by Monday, March 3rd, 8 am

1. *Name your folder, "Last Name, First Name_MAJOR"
2. Connect to "afp://merits.mcad.edu"
3. Select the "MERITS" Volume
4. Locate your department folder and drop your submission.

NOTE: This is a dropbox only, once you submit you will not be able to view your files – please make sure you double-check your submission before you drop it!

Above all else, work should be the best possible work that you have done and shown clearly in the best manner. Excessive or elaborate displays are discouraged; the judging will be done on the quality of the work. Film and video may be included. No personal presentations are allowed.

Students are encouraged to discuss and review their portfolios with faculty members.