

50th Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival

2024 Michael J. & Aimee Rusinko Kakos Literary Arts Scholarship Application

Postmark Deadline: May 31, 2024

The purpose of the Michael J. and Aimee Rusinko Kakos Scholarship, administered by the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, is to demonstrate commitment to the Westmoreland County community and to foster the continuing education of a prospective college or university student planning to study literary arts.

Qualifications:

- 1. High School Student must be a Westmoreland County resident or a full-time College student attending an accredited College or University.
- 2. Applicants must be planning to enroll or are currently enrolled full-time in a literary arts program at an accredited College or University.

Requirements:

- 1. Completed application; must be postmarked or emailed by May 31, 2024.
- 2. Copy of high school or College/University transcript; GPA must be 3.0 or above.
- 3. Personal statement to include career goals, accomplishments, experience to date in the arts, academic distinctions/ honors received, work experiences, and involvement with community outreach or volunteerism. Please do not exceed three (3) pages, double space.
- 4. One letter of recommendations from a guidance counselor or English faculty member.
- 5. A minimum of three (3) pieces of your work/writing style; identify each piece with the title and page number.
- 6. Recipient is asked to attend the award presentation on Thursday, July 4, 2024 at the 50th Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Opening Ceremony. This is not required and does not disqualify you from receiving the award.

The \$1,000 award is a one-time scholarship that will be paid directly to the college or university. The scholarship must be applied during the academic year in which it was awarded.

Students related to a member of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee or a Festival employee are not eligible to participate.



The Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Please complete the following information:

The Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival is a 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit Organization. A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.