



52nd Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival

2026 Michael J. & Aimee Rusinko Kakos Visual Arts

Scholarship Application

Postmark Deadline: May 31, 2026



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 visual 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 visual arts program at an accredited College or University.

Requirements:

1. Completed application; must be postmarked or emailed by May 31, 2026.
2. Copy of high school transcript or College/University ; 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 arts faculty member.
5. A minimum of three (3) different digital images representing your work; identify the medium and title.
6. Recipient is asked to attend the award presentation on Thursday, July 2, 2026 at the 52nd Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Opening Ceremony. This is not required and does not disqualify you from receiving the award.
7. The recipient may have the opportunity to have their work on display during the 52nd Festival.

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.

Please complete the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

College/University you hope to attend: _____

Planned Major: _____



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.

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. Participation or registration does not imply endorsement.

Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, 252 Twin Lakes Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

E-mail: info@artsandheritage.com Phone: 724-834-7474