



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) offers two scholarships (HGA and the Dendel) for students enrolled in accredited academic programs in the United States and Canada. The scholarships fund students furthering their education in the field of fiber arts, including textile research, history, and conservation. Rather than financial need, scholarship funds are awarded based on artistic and technical excellence and/or on demonstrated excellence in research of textiles, textile history, and textile conservation.

Scholarship funds of \$4,000 or more are awarded annually for the academic year.

HGA Scholarship HGA Scholarship funds can only be applied to tuition and is open to applicants that fall into one of two categories:

- artistic merit or
- scholarly research in the fiber arts/textile industry

The artistic merit category is recommended for those applicants focused on producing advanced, artistic textile artwork.

The scholarly research category is recommended for those applicants focused more in textile arts education, textile conservation, textile history, etc.

Dendel Scholarship The Dendel Scholarship is made possible by a generous donation in honor of the late Gerald and Esther Dendel to foster studies in handweaving.

Dendel Scholarship funds can be used for tuition as well as materials or travel determined on a case-by-case basis. Applicants will be judged on their skill and dedication to handweaving.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Eligibility

- Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate fiber arts academic program in the United States or Canada.
- Scholarship funds will only be applied towards expenses directly tied to your study at the accredited institution you are currently enrolled. Scholarship funds can not be applied to an independent workshop.
- Only one scholarship is awarded per individual per year.
- Applicants are not required to be members of HGA.
- Application and all support materials must be received on or before the **February 1 deadline**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

How to Apply (Deadline February 1)

Step 1: Complete Application

Applications must be submitted online through the HGA website, www.WeaveSpinDye.org.

Step 2: Submit Support Materials

Support materials will only be accepted via email to Programs@WeaveSpinDye.org with the Subject Line: [Scholarship Support Materials – Your Name](#). Support materials include:

1. **Unofficial Transcript** from your institution documenting enrollment, course work, academic strength, etc.
2. **Work Samples** (Digital Images, articles, publications)

Artistic Merit and Dendel Applicants

- A minimum of five (5) and a maximum of 16 digital images of your artwork featuring completed works utilizing fiber techniques and showing the body of your work.
- All images must be JPEG file type using the maximum quality setting with at least 300ppi. Length on the long side of the image should be approximately 3000 pixels. Images may be color corrected to accurately represent the work but not enhanced in any way. The artist's name must not be visible on the digital image. Label the files with your [Last Name_Title of Work](#). The images of accepted work will become the property of HGA and may be used for HGA publications and other promotional purposes.
- Must include accompanying [Work Samples Submission Form](#)

Scholarly Research Applicants

- Written essay answering the question: *“What do you think are the most important issues the fiber/ textile arts field is facing today and what will it be like in the next 10 years?”*
- Optional: Up to three (3) papers or articles of your published research
- All files are to be Word or PDF format only. Label the files with your [Last Name_Title of Work](#).
- Must include accompanying [Work Samples Submission Form](#)

Step 3: Request Letters of Recommendation

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted on your behalf by and from people who are knowledgeable about your work and work habits.

Direct your recommenders to send their letters via email to Programs@WeaveSpinDye.org with the Subject Line: [Scholarship Recommendation – Your Name](#).

SCHOLARSHIP DECISION PROCESS

The HGA Programs Coordinator reviews each application for completeness and ensures that they meet the eligibility requirements. Next the applications are forwarded to the scholarship selection committee, a group of HGA members who will review and score each submission. The results are forwarded to the Programs Coordinator who will then compile the scores to determine the winner. Individual committee member scores are kept confidential.

Notification

All applicants will be notified by email no later than April 1st. HGA does not provide explanation regarding selection of recipients.

Additional Recipient Recognition and Benefits

- Complimentary one-year student membership to HGA
- Feature in the Winter issue of *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot* magazine
- Press release announcing recipient to HGA membership

Recipient Follow Up and Final Report

Within 30 days of their award notice, recipient agrees to complete an online questionnaire that will be used for an article featuring the recipient and their work in HGA's *Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot* magazine.

Recipient agrees to submit to HGA within one year a written final report detailing the recipient's learning and experiences, including the use of the scholarship funds, along with receipts and digital images/files of work completed to date.

Distribution and Use of Funds

Scholarship funds will be distributed by September and released only after notification of the recipient's enrollment in the accredited institution. Funds may be sent either to the student or to the bursar's office. If funds are sent directly to the student, the student may bear an income tax liability.

All conditions of the scholarship must be met by their respective deadlines or the recipient may be required to return the funds. Scholarship funds must be spent within one year of the issue date on the check. Recipients agree to return all unspent money.

For more information contact: HGA Program Coordinator
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