



**\$1,000**

**Kris Kearsley Visual Arts  
Scholarship**

1 senior

Exceptional in the visual arts

**APPLY BY APRIL 12, 2019**



**Kristina Lee Kearsley moved to Sherwood with her family in 2002. Before passing away from pancreatic cancer in November 2016, she was an active volunteer for the Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation and other community organizations. She dedicated hundreds of hours annually to designing and painting sets for the VPA, Sherwood Foundation for the Arts, and Sherwood High School theater productions.**

**Her most recognizable work was the sets and backdrops she painted for the various VPA junior musicals and concerts. What started as painting small boards became huge scrims. As one who shied away from attention, she could often be found by herself late into the evening transferring her vision onto canvas in cold, damp barns, the empty stages of Sherwood's performing arts center, or whatever space the VPA could find that was big enough to hang the scrims.**

**Perhaps it is most fitting that the last set she painted before her death was for Alice in Wonderland. It was a wonder how she accomplished so much in her 47 years, particularly the last 16 months of her life since her diagnosis. Despite the pain and weariness caused by her grueling chemotherapy sessions, she found the energy to travel to Las Vegas, New York, Southern California, Hawaii, Sacramento, and Idaho. She also painted the sets for the high school's production of Guys and Dolls and the VPA's production of Peter Pan. She gave so much to the VPA, and we want to honor her and her work with a scholarship that reveres creativity and selflessness. To us, she will never be forgotten, and we hope that students who apply for her scholarship will learn more not only about what she did for the VPA, but for the entire community of Sherwood.**

# Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation Kris Kearsley Visual Arts Scholarship 2019

- Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding passion, involvement and skill in the visual arts throughout their high school years. Extra consideration will be given to those who exhibit a history of active volunteerism.
- Students involved in art classes are encouraged to apply. Although we hope you will continue to be involved in the visual arts in the future, declaring a related Arts Major in college is **not** required.
- Submit the signed and dated application form.
- Please attach an **original essay** (500 words or less, type-written, single-spaced) describing how your involvement in the **visual arts** has enriched your life and how you expect your experiences to influence your future.
- Obtain **2 recommendations** from art instructors or mentors and include them (in sealed envelopes).
- Students may apply for any combination of VPA scholarships (Vocal Performance, Kris Kearsley Visual Arts, or Amanda Polopolous Theatre Arts and Design). The essay and recommendations can be submitted for multiple applications, however, please submit a copy for each scholarship. Applicants will only be eligible to receive a single award.
- All materials must be mailed to the Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation, Attn: Scholarship, PO Box 594, Sherwood OR 97140. **Postmarked by Friday, April 12, 2019.**
- Scholarship Recipients will be selected and applicants notified by May 13, 2019.

**Note:** Award certificates will be presented to scholarship winners at the SHS Honors Banquet June 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the VPA Spring Concert on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please mark the dates on your schedule. Scholarship recipients' attendance is requested.

- Questions? Contact Kelsi Wright, VPA School Grants/Scholarship Director at [kelsi.wright@vpafoundation.org](mailto:kelsi.wright@vpafoundation.org)



# Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation Kris Kearsley Visual Arts Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ OREGON Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges you have been accepted to \_\_\_\_\_

College (or continuing education) you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list below the visual arts classes/groups, showcase opportunities, art competitions, and other experiences you have had by year. Please include volunteer experiences.**

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If I am awarded a VPA scholarship, I do hereby grant permission to Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation to use my name, my list of visual arts accomplishments, the school I plan to attend, as well as my picture to post on their official website. Quotes from my scholarship application may also be used. I understand that no other personal information (such as phone number, address, etc.) will be used. I understand I am only eligible to receive one scholarship from VPA.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Instructor/Mentor Recommendation

Please fill out the following form, seal in an envelope, and return to the student.  
**This application must be postmarked by April 12, 2019.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor/Mentor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

What is your role in connection with this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the strengths of this student in class, in performance, as a leader volunteer or as a person?

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How has this student been exemplary?

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Date \_\_\_\_\_