



For The Creative and Performing Arts 2025 Application

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\$500 Award

Mission Statement

The Virginia Budge Award exists to create, promote, develop, sponsor, sustain, facilitate, and further the Arts within Butler County, Ohio. For the mission of the Committee, the term “Arts” shall be defined and literally construed to include the making or doing of things that have form and beauty, and to encompass all forms of Arts including the Arts of music, painting, sculpture, dance, theater, film, opera, ballet, and any other of the performing Arts requiring and exhibiting an exceptional level of creativity, skill or talent.



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2025 AWARD: \$500.00

ELIGIBILITY: MUST be a student 12 years of age or older and reside, take classes/workshops or be enrolled as a student in a Butler County, Ohio school, college, or university.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Currently enrolled as a student in a Butler County, Ohio school, college, or university.
2. Four (4) Essay Questions
3. One (1) Recommendation from a current teacher/instructor in Applicant's field of Fine Arts and to be included with complete application packet.
4. Finalists will be asked to submit examples of their work or perform for the Committee
5. Short Biography
6. **Mail-in Submissions:** Completed forms/papers must be submitted at the same time in **one** envelope. No exceptions.

Mail application to:

Virginia Budge Award Committee
2548 Resor Road
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

Electronic Submissions: Email to virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com. Completed forms sent in **one** email **except** for recommendation letter which must be sent directly from the teacher/instructor. **PDF** format only.

Submissions will be accepted until **APRIL 5th, 2025**

NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Candidates chosen for an interview/audition will be contacted via email. Interviews/auditions will be **TBA**



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✓ CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANTS:

_____ Student Application including completion of (4) Essay Questions

_____ Recommendation Complete (1) Teacher/Instructor *IN* Field of Study

_____ Proof of enrollment in Butler County, Ohio; school, college, university, class, workshops

_____ **Short Biography**



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Student Application

Special Needs Applicants Check here _____ See page 7 for accommodations.

PLEASE PRINT

Contact Information:

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE # (____) _____ CELL PHONE# (____) _____

BIRTH DATE ____ / ____ / ____ E-MAIL _____

AGE _____ FINE ARTS INTEREST _____

Preferred Contact Method (i.e. email, phone...) _____

Education:

Are you currently attending a college/university? Full time _____ Part Time _____ Not Attending _____

Where _____

Your Goal: Degree and/or Other _____

Parent(s)/Guardian (if under 18) _____ Phone# _____

Address if different from Applicant _____

Experience:

Have you had any formal training or specialized classes in your area of interest(s) in the Fine Arts?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please list below: courses, lessons, and school(s) attended:

_____ Date attended _____

_____ Date attended _____

_____ Date attended _____

Special recognitions received (Attach additional sheet if needed):

_____ Year received _____

_____ Year received _____

List any work or volunteer activities related to your field of interest in the Fine Arts:

(Attach additional sheet if needed) _____



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Essay Question#1:

What are your career plans, aspirations, goals, etc.?
(Attach additional sheet if needed)

Essay Question #2:

Please describe how your field of interest in the Fine Arts benefits the community.
(Attach additional sheet if needed)

Essay Question #3:

Please describe how you would use the Award if chosen by the Committee.
(Attach additional sheet if needed)

Essay Question #4:

Who is your biggest influence in your field of Fine Arts and why?
(Attach additional sheet if needed)



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ATTENTION: COUNSELOR or REGISTRAR:

_____ has applied for a 2025 Virginia Budge Award offered by the Virginia Budge Award Committee. To process the application for consideration, we will need a copy of his/her **CURRENT PROOF of ATTENDANCE. ALL FURNISHED INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.** The Committee would be grateful for a prompt response to facilitate our selection.

This information must be returned to the applicant in order for it to be postmarked by: **APRIL 5th, 2025.** **OR** for electronic submissions, please include the applicant's name and your name and title. **PDF** format only.

Thank you for your assistance.
Bridget Ossmann



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Student Award Recommendation Form

Current/Former Teacher/Instructor in Applicant's Field of Fine Arts

_____ has applied for an award to further his/her interest in the Field of Fine Arts. Your recommendation will be considered in evaluating the applicant's credentials. Please furnish us with YOUR personal and professional opinion on the candidate's merit. Thank you for your assistance.

If mail-in applicant, please returned form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

For electronic submissions, please include the applicant's name and your name and title in **PDF** format only to: virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com

Application deadline is **APRIL 5th, 2025** for the applicant to be considered, therefore we would gratefully appreciate a prompt reply.

Thank you for your assistance.

Bridget Ossmann

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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Special Needs Application Accommodations

_____ The **RECORD of ATTENDANCE** can be in the form of a letter from any Butler County special needs school, college, university, program, organization or online school.

OR

_____ A letter from the applicant's doctor.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MEDICAL INFORMATION.

_____ Questions can be answered in any one of the following formats:

_____ **Scribed** by another individual

Please include the name of the scribe and his/her relationship to the applicant

_____ **Video Recording**

Please send video as an attachment to the following email address: virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com

_____ **Audio Recording**

Please send audio recording as an attachment to the following email address:

virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com