

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Arts Club of Washington's 2025 Scholarship Competition for Photographers

Deadline: Tues., Dec. 31, 2024

Since its founding in 1916, the Arts Club of Washington has promoted and celebrated the visual, performing, and literary arts in the nation's capital. The club sponsors the annual Anna Bartsch-Dunne Scholarship program to recognize promising students specializing in a specific art form or medium. In 2025, three scholarships will be awarded to student photographers.

THE AWARDS

First Place: $2,000 (The Jane Work Memorial Scholarship); **Second Place**: $1,000; **Third Place**: $750

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Eligibility: The competition is open to enrolled college and university students between the ages of 18 to 26 in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, December 31, 2024

There is no entry fee.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Submission of up to five photographs that best represent your work.
- A PDF statement of up to 250 words that offers information about your background, your approach to photography, and provides captions for each submitted image.
- A PDF of a faculty member's letter of recommendation.
- **All materials will be submitted via email to scholarship@artsclubofwashington.org**

RULES

- All work submitted must be original and created only by the applicant.
- Photographs may not be altered or manipulated during post-processing except for basic cropping, leveling, sizing, and color adjustments in Photoshop, Lightroom, or Capture One.
- Applicants who submit AI-generated images will be disqualified.
- By participating, applicants grant the Arts Club of Washington non-exclusive publication rights to submitted photographs for promotional purposes.

IMAGE SPECIFICATIONS

- Images may be in color or black and white.
- JPG format (RGB only) with a quality setting of "High" (No larger than 5MB).
- 3,000 pixels on the long dimension.
- Include all metadata.
- Adobe 1998 Color Profile.

The following IPTC fields are required for entries:

- **Caption/Description:** Captions must be accurate and written in English.
- **City, State/Province, and Country:** Identify where the image was captured.
- **Date:** When the image was captured.
- **Applicant's Name:** Please be consistent from photo to photo.
- **Source:** Your school.
- **Copyright:** The copyright holder on image (if different from applicant).
- **Contact Email:** Your email address. (No social media addresses)
- **Contact Phone:** Your mobile phone number in case we need to contact you.

THE JUDGING PROCESS

Submissions will be judged on creativity, originality, and technical proficiency.
Notable professionals working in photography and the design industry—Leslie Smolan, Arun Nevader, and Walter Smalling—will evaluate entries and select three scholarship recipients and one winning photograph from each.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Scholarship recipients will be announced by the Arts Club on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** and will be notified by email that day.

AWARD PRESENTATION EVENT

Scholarship recipients are invited to a presentation event and dinner at the Arts Club of Washington on **Thursday, April 3**, during which each of their winning photographs will be displayed.

The club will reimburse the winners up to $250 for printing, mounting and/or framing of their winning image for the event. (Receipts will be required for reimbursement.)

Scholarship recipients are entitled to exhibit their featured work at the club for up to 30 days after the award presentation.

CONTACT

For all inquiries, email **scholarship@artsclubofwashington.org**