

**Kent Historical Society's George Laurence Nelson Art Scholarship**

George Laurence Nelson, 1887-1978, left New York City, falling in love with northwestern Connecticut, and moved to Kent in the early 1900's. He was a founder of the Kent Art Association and the Litchfield Hills Art Colony. In 1916 he married Hermine Redgrave, later known as Helen, and together they restored their 1751 house and store, naming it Seven Hearths, creating magnificent perennial flower gardens. Son of two internationally known artists and a member of the National Academy of Design, Nelson was a noted 20<sup>th</sup> century artist whose works were widely exhibited in New York City and in Europe. His portraits and florals, in oils and water colors, are still collected today.

The amount of the Scholarship is \$1,000.00 and will be awarded based on merit, not financial need.

**The deadline for submission is May 2, 2017 (received or postmarked by).**

The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or present college student who will, or has presently, a focus on studies in studio art or art history. Only students who have graduated from Kent Center School or whose families reside in the Town of Kent, or any of the Region One towns (Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Salisbury and Sharon) are eligible to apply.

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Postal mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's address \_\_\_\_\_

You are/will be a graduate of which high school? \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you/will be attending college? \_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities including those involving art, art history, or visual arts

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List any honors received in high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send in one package or email (with the exception of item #5/#6):

1. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, preferably your art teacher.  
(College students should send a letter of recommendation from a current art or history professor.)
2. One letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult.
3. An essay, in 300 words or less, telling us about your interest in a career in art or art history.
4. A 300-word essay on the value of art or art history to civilization

OR

A digital portfolio containing five pieces of your own artwork.

5. Copies of your senior year's official transcript and college test scores (SAT/ACT) mailed in a sealed envelope to PO Box 651, Kent, CT 06757
6. College students should send a current transcript.

**Applicant: Please read carefully:**

- Scholarship is awarded regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin.
- Winner will be notified of the judges' decision. At this time, the applicant will be required to submit proof of acceptance to college or current status of college enrollment.
- Scholarship is to be used for educational purposes only.
- A past recipient of the Scholarship may reapply.
- Recipient is expected to submit a written progress report to the Kent Historical Society within one year of receipt of the Scholarship stating the educational purposes for which the scholarship was used and the status of the recipient's studies in art.

Send to: Kent Historical Society  
Attn: Scholarship  
PO Box 651  
Kent, CT 06757

Or [scholarship@kenthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:scholarship@kenthistoricalsociety.org)

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