

Focus on the Masters and the Ventura County Arts Council present



Tamima Al-Awar

The Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship Program For High School Seniors

\$5,300 College Scholarships for Visual Arts Study

One original signed application plus 6 copies, one original plus 6 copies of essay, and 7 reproductions (properly labeled on back) of each of the artworks submitted-- all collated and three-hole-punched on 8 ½ x 11 paper – are due in the Ventura County Arts Council office before 4 pm Friday, February 19, 2010.

Student (please print legibly)

Student _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
High School _____

Faculty Representative (please print legibly)

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____
Title _____ High School _____
High School Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Specifications

- Ventura County high school senior
- Intention to major in Visual Arts - All media considered
- All applications need to be signed by a faculty representative

Student Artist Selection Process

Applicants are required to submit a one page essay describing their goals as an artist and the inspiration behind their work. Images of applicant's artwork will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Concept
- Technique
- Composition
- Presentation

Jurors

The distinguished panel of jurors is as follows:

- Susan Gerrard, Artist, Director of Marketing, Museum of Ventura County
- Scott Miles, Photographer, Professional Photography Program Director, Brooks Institute
- Richard Franklin, Artist, Retired Architect, Focus on the Masters Board Member
- Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Artist, Visual Arts Committee, Ventura County Arts Council
- Sharon Butler, Artist, Arts Educator

Contact Information

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For information about VCAC: www.VenturaCountyArtsCouncil.org

For information about FOTM: www.FocusOnTheMasters.com

Student Artist Benefits

The Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarships consist of:

\$1,600 – 1st Place Award	\$ 1,150 – 3rd Place Award
\$1,300 – 2nd Place Award	\$ 125 – Ten Honorable Mention Awards

- Scholarships will be presented at the Ventura County Government Center Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony, March 18, 2010 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- All applicants are required to participate in a group exhibition at the Ventura County Government Center, March 12 - April 13, 2010. Please see details below.
- All applicants, their families and faculty representatives are invited to the Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Submission Instructions and Exhibition Requirements

Please submit 3-5 images for review by the panel of jurors. Images may be submitted as photographs, laser or Xerox prints in print form only. *No digital files please.* **Clearly label the artwork on the back of each print with artist's name, title, size and medium. Please submit 7 copies of each image of artwork, 7 copies of essay and 7 copies of the application ALL three-hole punched on 8½ x 11 paper and collated to create 7 packets.** Incomplete or improperly prepared applications will be disqualified. Samples will not be returned. **The originals of at least three of the works submitted must be available for exhibition purposes and appropriate for the general public.** No nudity. Students will be notified by email which piece(s) of art are requested for exhibition. Large 2-dimensional works up to 36x48 will be accepted and must be prepared for hanging in a professional manner. Limited space is available for 3-dimensional work. All artwork **MUST remain for the duration** of the exhibition. Failure to meet exhibition deadlines is cause for disqualification. Please contact the Ventura County Arts Council at 805/658-2213 regarding any framing difficulties or questions. Winning artists will be asked to supply their entry as a high resolution jpeg file (300 dpi) on disk or by email for publicity purposes. Storage fee of \$5 per day will be charged for work not picked up by 4:30, April 14, 2010.

Please provide the following information:

Artwork Submitted:

Title _____	Size _____	Medium _____
Title _____	Size _____	Medium _____
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Title _____	Size _____	Medium _____
Title _____	Size _____	Medium _____

Essay

Please submit a **one page essay of no more than 500 words**, describing your goals as an artist and the inspiration behind your work. Be succinct and clear in your essay and use a 12 point font.

Artist Participation Waiver

I grant permission for FOTM & VCAC to reproduce my images to promote the Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship.

Artist Signature (required)	Date
Faculty Signature (required)	Date
Parent Signature (required)	Date

The Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship: The goal of the Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship is to award annual scholarships to Ventura County high school seniors for advanced visual art studies and to provide the students with a professional exhibition opportunity. The panel's recommendations will be forwarded to the Ventura County Arts Council for final approval. Scholarships will be presented in full at the Ventura County Government Center Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony, March 18, 2010 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Focus on the Masters and the Ventura County Arts Council are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. Contributions to the scholarship fund are always welcome.