

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Scholarship Program Application deadline set for April 20, 2009

Marblehead, MA (March 16, 2009) – The Art Scholarship Committee of the Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) is now accepting applications for its annual Art Scholarship Program. Applications are available at Marblehead High School and at www.MarbleheadFestival.org. All applications must be submitted to the Festival by April 20, 2009.

Since 1986, the MFoA has awarded a scholarship to a high school senior who resides in or attends school in Marblehead and who is pursuing higher education in visual arts, performing arts, crafts, music or drama. In awarding this \$3,000 scholarship, the Festival's objective is to encourage graduates pursuing the arts professionally to acquire sound academic groundings in their chosen fields.

Criteria considered by the Scholarship Committee include financial need; academic and art achievements; art-related and extracurricular activities, both in and out of school; intended vocation; and any honors or special citations received. This year's Art Scholarship Committee includes Jim Farrell, Shira Karpo, and Ursina Amsler.

An all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization, the MFoA produces a summer Arts Festival and sponsors other events and art projects throughout the year. For more information, call 781-639-ARTS or visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

About Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA)

Founded in 1962, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has a rich history in producing a premier summer arts festival that has become a unique forum for artistic expression. Traditionally held each year over the July 4th weekend, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, etc.),

outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, Writer's World, the Street Festival, Artisans' Marketplace, and many other cultural activities designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for the entire family.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts is run by an all-volunteer organization comprised of more than forty committees. It operates year round and relies solely on donations to fund its operations. Individuals, families, and businesses may become Festival Sponsors by making a tax-deductible contribution. For additional information on MFOA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship, please call 781-639-ARTS or visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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