

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Applications Now Accepted for MFoA Scholarship Program

Deadline is set for April 2, 2007

Applications Available at Online at: www.marbleheadfestival.org

Marblehead, MA (Feb 23, 2007) – The Scholarship Committee of the Marblehead Festival of Arts announced today that applications are being accepted for their 22nd annual MFoA Scholarship Program. Applications may be obtained at online at: www.marbleheadfestival.org and must be submitted by April 2, 2007.

Since 1986, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has awarded a scholarship to a high school senior who resides or attends school in Marblehead, and 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 interested in pursuing the arts professionally to acquire a sound academic grounding 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. Tammy Picone Nohelty and Maggie Smist will serve as this year's co-chairpersons heading up the Scholarship Committee. The Festival, an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization, offers many volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit the Festival Web site, www.marbleheadfestival.org/volunteers, or call 781-639-ARTS.

The scholarship is awarded annually, and the winner is announced at the Awards Ceremony held just before the summer Festival. In 1986, the amount of the scholarship was \$1,000. It increased to \$1,500 in 1997, and to \$3,000 in 2001. Recent MFoA Art Scholarship winners are Bradford Smith (2000), Bonnie Fraser (2001), Joseph H. Page (2002), Sara Beesley (2003), Gregory Tufts (2005), and Anna Webster (2006).

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 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, Children's Festival, Artisan's Marketplace and many other cultural activities designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for the entire family.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts Inc is a not-for-profit organization comprised of area residents who volunteer their time and services in a variety of capacities. With the mission to promote and foster artistic events and activities in the town of Marblehead, this organization was launched in 1962 by producing an annual Arts Festival. Today, in addition to its summer arts program, the Marblehead Festival of Arts sponsors events throughout the year, promotes area artists, supports up and coming art students via an annual scholarship and contributes to the overall cultural climate of Marblehead.

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