

# ***Marblehead Festival of Arts***

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## **Applications Now Accepted for MFoA Scholarship Program**

*Deadline is set for April 11, 2008*

*Applications Available Online at [www.marbleheadfestival.org](http://www.marbleheadfestival.org)*

**Marblehead, MA (March 11, 2008)** – The Scholarship Committee of the Marblehead Festival of Arts announced today that applications are being accepted for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual MFoA Scholarship Program. Applications may be obtained online, at [www.marbleheadfestival.org](http://www.marbleheadfestival.org), and at Marblehead High School. All applications must be submitted by April 11, 2008, to the Festival's postal address: PO Box 331, Marblehead, MA 01945.

Since 1986, the Marblehead Festival of Arts 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. Tammy Picone Nohelty and Maggie Smist are this year's co-chairpersons heading up the Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship winner will be announced at the Festival's Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, July 2. Recent MFoA Art Scholarship winners are Bradford Smith (2000), Bonnie Fraser (2001), Joseph H. Page (2002), Sara Beesley (2003), Gregory Tufts (2005), Anna Webster (2006), and Elisha Musgraves (2007).

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](http://www.marbleheadfestival.org/volunteers), or call 781-639-ARTS.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Artisans' 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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