## **Marblehead Festival of Arts**

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## Deadline Approaches for Marblehead Festival of Arts 2013 Bloom Scholarships for Students in Grades 7 through 11

**Marblehead, MA (April 8, 2013)** Since 2008, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has offered \$500 scholarships to deserving students in grades 7 – 11 through the Milton Bloom Student Art Scholarship Program, in memory of Milton Bloom.

These awards are intended to provide financial assistance to the winning students by helping to pay tuition for a program in the arts, including fine arts, crafts, performing arts and creative writing. Funding for this year's awards is to be used for programs scheduled between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. The application deadline is May 1, 2013.

Students in grades 7 through 11 who reside in or attend school in Marblehead are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Selection shall be based on artistic talent, accomplishments and motivation. Applicants should have a demonstrated passion for art, have at least two years of experience excelling in their chosen areas and seek to expand their artistic horizons.

Information about the Milton Bloom Student Art Scholarship program is available on the Festival website, <u>www.MarbleheadFestival.org</u>, where application forms may be downloaded. Applications will also available at these schools: Marblehead High School, Marblehead Veterans Middle School, Marblehead Community Charter Public School, Tower School and Cohen Hillel Academy. For questions about the scholarship and application form, please contact artscholarship@MarbleheadFestival.org.

Scholarship chairperson Peggy Farrell encourages "those who may not win this time around to apply again during the time they are eligible. There are numerous talented young artists in our community, and we want to recognize as many as possible."

## 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 holiday, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (including painting, sculpture, photography and drawing), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, the Film Festival, Writers' World, the Street Festival, the 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 is run by an all-volunteer organization comprised of more than 40 committees and involving several hundred volunteers. 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 visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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