



Criswell Memorial Scholarship 2023

Applications must be received by April 10, 2023.

The Criswell Memorial Scholarship was established by the Criswell family in honor of Ada businessman, Jerry Criswell. Jerry was an avid supporter of the arts and former president of the Ada Arts Council. The candidate must be a rising university senior, graduate student, or professional in the arts: theater, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing. The 2023 Criswell Memorial Scholarship is in the amount of \$300 to assist in continuing education in the area of the arts. The amount of the award is variable based on the income of the trust from the previous year. The committee reserves the right not to make an award if a qualified candidate does not apply, or to make multiple awards if it deems. The scholarship is open to all native or legal residents of Pontotoc County. If the candidate is not a resident, but one of their parents or guardians is a legal Pontotoc County resident, then the candidate can still apply.

I. General Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Are you a legal resident or native of Pontotoc County? _____

If no: Parent(s) First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell: _____ Home: _____

II. Area of Expertise

Theater _____

Dance _____

Visual Arts (be specific as to medium) _____

Music (vocal or instrumental) _____

Writing _____

III. Professional History

Graduate Student _____ Professional _____

College or University: _____

City : _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Degree Major _____ GPA: _____

Degree Minor _____ Year _____

Certification _____ Year: _____

Professional Honors, Awards

Brief summary of your arts background.

Has your work been published, exhibited, or have you been involved in a performance?

Explain when and how this scholarship will further your education or expertise (*tuition, supplies, room and board*)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Along with your application, please forward a link to a website with your work.

Alternatively, for performing arts forward a 3–5-minute demo reel as an Mp4 or YouTube link, for visual arts forward a PDF portfolio of 5-10 images, and for writers, forward 3-5 pages of writing samples. Please attach a digital image of yourself so that we can promote our scholarship winners on social media and the AAC website.

Scholarship Awarding Process:

Step 1. Complete scholarship application with the following required documents:

- A. Official transcript (if applicable)**
- B. 2 Letters of recommendations (1 from a teacher/mentor in the arts)**
- C. Examples of work (see above for details)**
- D. Digital image of yourself (for promotion of winners)**

Step 2. E-Mail Completed Application to:

Email:

adaartsok@gmail.com

Step 3. Upon acceptance, the Ada Arts Council will send a letter confirming the scholarship has been approved.