The HVM Arts Scholarship Fund
Application Criteria and Submission Guidelines

The **HVM Arts Scholarship Fund** was established by William M. Miller in honor of his mother, Helen Vance McCann Miller, to provide a scholarship opportunity for senior students graduating from Mapletown High School of Southeastern Greene School District (or its successor) to the pursuit of a degree at an accredited, two- or four-year college/university, technical school or other advanced, post-secondary institution. The scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees, books and/ or supplies.

Helen Vance McCann Miller, a native of Greene County, graduated from Carnegie Tech with a major in Art. She taught Art in Bellevue, Ohio for two years before returning to Greene County, Pennsylvania where she taught Art at Mapletown High School for many years beginning in the late 1940s. While her specialty was pottery, she was also proficient in and taught drawing, painting and other art forms. She also helped design and sponsor for the Mapletown High School Yearbook for many years.

Typically Awards One $2,000 scholarship**.**

Definition of 'the Arts'
For the purpose of this scholarship: "The term **'the arts'** includes, but is not limited to, music (instrumental and vocal), dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, industrial design, costume and fashion design, motion pictures, television, radio, film, video, tape and sound recording, the arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of such major art forms…" according to the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965. The term 'the arts' may also include music composition, and new and evolving art forms such as digital and electronic technology, graphic novels, video game design, virtual reality, etc.

Eligibility Criteria: In order to apply, applicants must:
- Be a male or female graduating senior student at Mapletown High School,
- Be planning to pursue degree at an accredited, two- or four-year college or university, technical school or other advanced, post-secondary institution,
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0;
- Fit in one or more of the following **Art participation criteria**:
  - Be a senior student who will be pursuing post-secondary studies with a declared major or focus in arts or arts related fields, AND/OR
  - Be a senior student who has participated in at least three (3) credit hours of school-based curricular arts or arts-related classes (see definition above) at Mapletown High School, AND/ OR
  - Be a senior student who has participated in extra-curricular (both school and not-school based) arts or arts related activities during at least two of their four years of high school. (This may include, but not be limited to: band, dance groups/classes, art classes, writing, theatrical groups, etc.)
- Students may be required to participate in an interview with the scholarship committee.

Application Requirements and Process
The applicant should prepare an application packet that includes all of the following attachments:

_____ A completed *CFGC Application for College Scholarships*, visit http://www.cfgcpa.org/post-secondary-scholarships/ and follow the link to our online application

_____ An official High School Transcript with GPA

_____ A copy of FAFSA Submission Summary, including the Student Aid Index (SAI)

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_____ Copies of all post-secondary acceptance letters or admission letters

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_____ An ESSAY (not to exceed 500 words) by the student about their field of arts study/participation and potential contribution to their chosen art form(s)
_____ A PORTFOLIO of the student's artistic work (may include photographs, video and/or audio recordings, etc.)
_____ A LIST of extra-curricular arts or arts related activity participation during the past four years by year, including beginning and ending dates of participation
_____ Two (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, which should address the student's specific skills and abilities in the arts, from anyone except family members

The Community Foundation of Greene County awards shall be made without discrimination, including, but not limited to, race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, based upon the eligibility criteria of the specific scholarship.

CFGC reserves the right to withhold, deny and/or rescind a scholarship award in the event that providing an award would violate the stated eligibility or award criteria of the scholarship, and/or the exempt status and purposes of the Foundation.