

**PRESS RELEASE RE: ACCC SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Arts Council Offering Scholarships**

The Arts Council of Carteret County (ACCC) is offering scholarship opportunities of up to \$1,000 per student to provide tuition assistance for students pursuing degrees in the arts at the college level (two- or four-year courses of study) and the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Scholarships under this program are available for tuition assistance only. They are not available to pay for private tutoring or classes not offered by accredited educational institutions. Applications are due April 5, 2017.

For the purpose of these scholarships "arts" are defined to encompass vocal and instrumental music education, performance, music theory, composition, dance, creative writing, art history, arts education, architecture and design, theatre, drama, media arts, sculpture, painting, drawing, film studies and photography.

Applicants should be high school seniors attending a public or private high school in Carteret County, NC. Homeschooled applicants residing in Carteret County may apply. The Arts Council will also consider applicants who have not completed high school but have been accepted in advanced programs of study in art related disciplines.

Applicants who have been accepted to attend or who are attending Carteret Community College (CCC) and pursuing a degree in the arts either at CCC or as a transfer student from CCC to an accredited educational institution in the United States are also eligible.

Applications may be made through high school guidance counselors, the guidance office at Carteret Community College or directly to the Arts Council of Carteret County a PO Box 2294, Morehead City, NC, 28557.

No applications received by email will be accepted.

Application forms are available through high school and Carteret Community College guidance counselors. They may also be downloaded online at the Arts Council's website: [www.artscouncilcarteret.org](http://www.artscouncilcarteret.org)

All applications should be submitted directly to the ACCC must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

The Arts Council's scholarship program was initiated in 2012. Since that time over \$15,000 has been awarded in college scholarships to the students of Carteret County. The ACCC raises money for this program through projects dedicated solely to scholarships and private donations. The Council has also set aside ten percent of its net income for the past three years to help fund the scholarship program.

Donations in support of the Arts Council's scholarship program are encouraged and welcomed. For more information please contact the Arts Council of Carteret County at (252) 726-9156.