

MILLER ARTS SCHOLARS ARTS AWARDS

Our faculty advisory committee wants to support all rising third and fourth-years in creative research and artistry. Proposals may be submitted for individual projects or as part of a group collaboration. Each individual proposal can receive up to \$3,000 in funding. For group projects, each member must submit an individual proposal outlining their specific contributions, and each approved member will receive up to \$3,000 in funding. Faculty mentors will receive \$1,000 in research funds to support the work described in the proposals. Please consider the following when submitting proposals for Miller Arts Scholars Arts Awards, as only those applications meeting the requirements below will be funded.

Miller Arts Scholars Arts Award Application – Important Deadlines & Guidelines

See current due dates for required **Letter of Intent** and **Applications** at <https://artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/j-sanford-miller-family-arts-scholars-arts-awards>

What the Faculty Advisory Committee looks for in Applications:

1. A Well-Defined Project with a Realistic Scope

- The proposal should follow **standards of academic writing** and present a **clear, researched argument** for how the project effectively uses available and/or requested resources to advance creative scholarship or artistry.
- The timeline and scope must be **achievable** and clearly defended, leaving no doubt about the applicant's ability to complete the work.

2. A Qualified Faculty Mentor with an Ongoing UVA Appointment

- The mentor should have expertise in the field of the proposal.
- Applicants should **meet with their mentor before submitting** the Letter of Intent, and mentors should review the final application.
- The proposal must include a **mentorship plan**, outlining regular project reviews.
- The mentor's **brief confidential assessment** (minimum 200 words, sent separately by application deadline) must describe the applicant's academic and artistic preparation to undertake the project, any new study that would be required to complete the project, and their expertise that will be brought to the project. Remind your mentor of this required confidential assessment as you work with them to fine-tune your application.

3. A Strong Connection to Prior Work or Coursework

- The proposed project should build on **existing academic or artistic experience**, rather than being an unsupported departure.
- Evidence of relevant coursework—or a plan to take related courses—should be included.

4. A Clear and Justified Budget

- All costs must be accounted for in a detailed budget table.
- The budget should outline additional funding sources (if applicable) and include **realistic cost estimates** backed by research of costs

Application Page

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Example Letter of Intent

https://artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/sites/artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/files/artaward_intentletter_template.pdf

Application Advice

https://artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/sites/artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/files/artawards_advice.pdf

Detailed Instructions

https://artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/sites/artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/files/awards_instructions.pdf

Sample Budget

https://artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/sites/artsscholars.as.virginia.edu/files/artawards_examplebudget.xlsx

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Application Form

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