

Mario Gasparotto Visual Arts Bursary

A. HISTORY



This fund honours the memory of Mario Gasparotto, a dedicated and much-loved Toronto Catholic District School Board educator, well known for his commitment to the arts in TCDSB schools. His passion for art was well known and inspired many art students.

In 1983, he became art consultant for the Board, becoming a mentor to many art teachers. In the mid 1990's he was appointed superintendent of education with the TCDSB. Mario is remembered for his love of art, his breadth of knowledge, his high standards, and his generous manner with students and teachers alike.

B. DESCRIPTION OF BURSARY

The Mario Gasparotto Visual Arts Bursary is a special fund administered through The Angel Foundation for Learning to support graduating students planning to pursue studies in visual arts at the post-secondary level. Two awards of \$500 each will be given to students each year.

C. CRITERIA

The successful applicant is a grade 12 student who has been accepted to post-secondary visual arts studies at college or university. The selection will be based on:

- ❖ The quality of the student's work: originality, creativity, problem-solving and technical ability
- ❖ The student's overall achievement in visual arts
- ❖ The student's overall contribution to the school and community

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will be nominated by the Dept. Head for Visual Arts in their school. (Max. 2 students per school)

For each application the following is required:

- ❖ A completed Application Form
- ❖ A letter of application from the student, explaining post-secondary plans
- ❖ A portfolio of snapshots of at least three major works. Each snapshot must be accompanied by a half-page statement describing the dimensions and media of the work as well as an artist's statement explaining the purpose of the work
- ❖ A letter of recommendation from the student's teacher detailing the student's achievement and work habits in visual arts as well as school and community involvement
- ❖ Evidence of acceptance into a post-secondary visual arts program

E. SELECTION PROCESS

All applications must be forwarded by the School Department Head for Visual Arts to the TCDSB Program Coordinator for the Arts by **May 17, 2010** to **Sara Camilleri, Angel Foundation for Learning**. The Selection Committee will review all applications and make a decision regarding the recipient of the bursary by mid June. Finalists must make an oral presentation of their works to the panel in early June.

F. CONTACT PERSON

Enquiries regarding the award may be made to Sara Camilleri, Angel Foundation for Learning.

G. DONATIONS TO THE MARIO GASPAROTTO VISUAL ARTS BURSARY

Donations to the Mario Gasparotto Visual Arts Bursary can be made to The Angel Foundation for Learning, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 6E8.