

COLLEGE DOLLARS

SCHOLARSHIPS

SASE= self-addressed, stamped envelope

Money for Creative Students

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Do you consider yourself an artistic dynamo, consistently expressing yourself in song, dance, theater, writing, or visual art? Well, an endless fountain of creative impulses can pay off in the form of a college scholarship or a contest prize. Here are a few award programs that may match your talents and give you a financial boost as you head off to school.

1 NOT JUST JACKETS

Can you take leather and put together a mosaic, or an embroidery piece, or a gigantic leather Ferris wheel? Then the **Tandy Leather Company** wants you to enter its scholarship contest. Graduating high school seniors who submit art projects using at least 50 percent leather can win awards of \$500 to \$2,000. For more information, write Tandy Leather Company Art Scholarship Program, 1400 Everman Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76140. *Deadline is April 1.*

2 TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The **National Alliance for Excellence** provides funding to students who are "most likely to lead America in the future through creative output and technological knowledge." National competitions are held in four specific categories—performing arts, visual arts, academics, and technological innovations. Awards typically range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Previous winners include an opera singer and an inventor of a computer language. For an application, send a SASE to National Alliance for Excellence, 20 Thomas Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702. *There is no deadline; students can apply at any time.*

3 MONEY FOR MUSIC

The **Glenn Miller Birthplace Society** awards scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to talented high school senior vocalists and instrumentalists. To enter, you must be a student at a recognized music school or conservatory. All styles

of music are acceptable. Auditions are required and winners will perform at the Glenn Miller Festival in Clarinda, Iowa, in June. For an application, write Glenn Miller Birthplace Society, 711 North 14th St., Clarinda, IA 51632, Attn: Competition Committee. *Deadline is March 15.*

4 FOR CHISELING CHAMPIONS

Students who excel at sculpting clay, stone, or any other medium can earn \$1,000 thanks to the **National Sculpture Society**. Its scholarships are available to all levels of students enrolled in an art program with an emphasis on sculpture. Along with an application, students must also send brief biographies of themselves, two letters of recommendation, proof of financial need, 8" x 10" photographs of their work, and an explanation of their sculpture background. Request an application by writing to The National Sculpture Society, 1172 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036; Attn: Scholarships. *Deadline is May 31.*

5 COMPOSERS' CASH

If you're a modern-day Mozart or just good at writing music, then the **National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts** has a contest for you. The **Young Composers Awards** program offers prizes ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for students ages 13 to 18 who submit original composition pieces for any instrument. For an application, contact The National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, Young Composers Awards, 40 North Van Brunt St., Suite 32, Englewood, NJ 07631; or check www.natguild.org. There is a \$5 entry fee. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in a public or private secondary school, a recognized music school, or study privately with an established music teacher in the U.S. *Deadline is May 1.*

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