

## **NSAA Education Committee Annual Report**

**August 2019**

Three applications were received this year for the NSAA \$1,000 Scholarship.

Two were from Rockport High School graduates and one from Gloucester High School.

None of the applicants fulfilled the description of our scholarship. One is going off to study Drama, one to study Photography and one to study Art Therapy.

This is the second time in three years that we have not awarded a scholarship.

In May, The Board of Trustees approved a change in the description given to the applicants. It will now be written with this wording:

The applicant must present: "Evidence of completed plans for majoring in an "Art Related Field of Study."

The reasoning for this change is: Few students are going off to college to major in "Fine Art, Art Education, Graphic Design or Animation" as it had been stated in our application. The cost of a college education is exorbitant and a Fine Art Major simply is not practical.

Hopefully now we will be able to award this scholarship to a deserving high school graduate who will be using their artistic interest and ability in some way.

Due to the broader requirement, the Education Committee will ask the Board of Trustees for approval of the choice they have made before notifying the high school attended by the applicant.

Lastly, it has been decided that we will include Manchester-Essex Regional High School in our offering starting in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gray, Education Committee Chair