

Stephen D. Paine Scholarship | 2025-26 Guidelines

Established in 1999 by the Boston Art Dealers Association, The Stephen D. Paine Scholarship is designed to support students who are in their final year in studio art programs at colleges in the city of Boston. As young artists conclude their undergraduate studies, the Boston Art Dealers Association (BADA) would like to extend financial assistance in order to support their commitment to the making of art.

The scholarship is established in memory of Stephen D. Paine, who died in the fall of 1997 at the age of 65. Stephen was passionate about the visual arts and dedicated to supporting arts education through his involvement with numerous Boston-area institutions. In his capacity as a founding partner at Wellington Management in Boston, he formed an extensive corporate art collection that includes the work of scores of artists with ties to Boston. With his wife Susan W. Paine, he built an impressive private collection, supporting the work of both emerging and established artists. Together, these collections stand among the most important in the Boston area. Stephen was a friend and ally to artists, students and art professionals. BADA is honored to celebrate his life and his passion through this scholarship. The Stephen D. Paine Scholarship was established in conjunction with the yearlong project *1999: Celebrating Boston's Artists*.

Program Components

- Scholarship:* Two (2) scholarships of \$4,000 to be awarded in the form of cash grants to the recipients. Up to four (4) prizes of \$1,500 will also be awarded as honorable mentions.
- Events:* Boston Art Dealers Association hosts an annual exhibition featuring the work of the Stephen D. Paine Scholarship recipients at a local Boston gallery.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Residency:*
- US citizens and non-citizens are welcome to apply.
- Financial circumstances:*
- Applicants must be eligible for financial aid.
- Academic:*
- Applicants must be in their final year in a studio art program or studio art major and may be working in any visual art medium.

Selection Criteria

The jurying process is managed by The Philanthropic Initiative. Applications will be reviewed anonymously by a juror. In addition to the eligibility criteria listed above, selection will be based on the following:

- Recognition of talent
- The promise for making important work in the future

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Application Process & Timeline

<i>Date</i>	<i>Process milestone or deadline</i>
Monday, September 15, 2025	Application Opens
Friday, October 24, 2025 by 5:00 pm	Deadline for All Applications (must be submitted online)
November 2025	TPI verifies financial aid eligibility with school and Juror reviews applications
December 2025	Stephen D. Paine Scholarship recipients finalized and notifications made by the end of the year
January 2026	Award payments sent to recipients

Application Instructions

Completed applications are due by **Friday, October 24, 2025 by 5:00 PM**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed.

Access the application here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=tpischolarship>

Once you create an account and log in, there is an opportunity to enter an Access Code at the top of the page. Please enter: Paine25

- 1) Complete Online Application**
- 2) Financial Aid Eligibility:** Applicants will need to confirm they are eligible for financial aid
- 3) Artistic Statement:** This will give the juror a better idea of your art and who you are as an artist
- 4) Work Samples**

Questions? Please contact Kira Azulay at StephenPaineScholarship@tpi.org