

## **Secondary and Middle Grades Education Scholarship**

*(for students seeking certification in Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theatre and/or Native Alaskan Art)*

The Secondary and Middle Grades Education Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) and Graduate Certificate programs are designed for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree and have a strong content background in their teaching field (**Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theatre and/or Native Alaskan Art to qualify for the scholarship**). These students must be committed to completing a demanding graduate-level program preparing them to teach in Art, Music, or one of the other eligible teaching fields. Students who are awarded scholarships will commit to a year-long intensive reflective/research-based classroom experience and participation in a dynamic learning community with student teachers across the state.

Art and Music certifications are part of the Secondary and Middle Grades Education programs (grades 6 –12) however, Alaska certification for both Art and Music is a K-12 certification. Hence, you will be expected to observe and participate in classrooms across grade levels. The Secondary Education M.A.T. and Graduate Certificate programs are intense 11-month programs with internships available throughout the state of Alaska.

### **Scholarship Criteria**

In order to be considered for an arts scholarship, applicants must:

- Be fully admitted to the Secondary and Middle Grades Education M.A.T. program or Graduate Certificate program;
- Submit two recommendations specifically addressing the candidate's ability in Art, Music, or one of the other eligible teaching fields;
- Submit an essay addressing the candidate's philosophy on and commitment to the Arts in Education;
- Have obtained a score of 154 or better on PRAXIS content exams for Musical Content Knowledge (Exam 5113 or 0113), a score of 158 or better on the PRAXIS content exam for Art Content Knowledge (Exam 5134 or 0134), or a score of 157 or better on Praxis content exams for Theatre Content Knowledge (Exam 5641 or 0641); and
- Submit a digital portfolio of visual art or a recorded audition demonstrating advanced skills in Art, Music, or one of the other eligible teaching fields.

Applicants who meet the criteria may apply for tuition scholarships. Scholarships are limited to \$10,000 for the entire program. These scholarships may be used for tuition and course fees only. The Secondary Education M.A.T. and Graduate Certificate programs allow little time for outside activities. Scholarship awardees are advised to plan carefully for their financial needs.

UAS has sole discretion in selecting recipients. UAS will appoint a committee made up of UAS Education and/or Arts faculty and invited community partners in the arts to review applications and make recommendations to the UAS Dean of Education and Graduate Studies.

All questions about this opportunity should be directed to the Secondary Education program coordinator, Scott Christian.

### **Submitting Scholarship Materials for Consideration**

All materials (recommendations, essays and portfolios) for the scholarship should be submitted electronically to the Secondary Education program coordinator, Scott Christian. Materials can be sent as email attachments, links to websites or Google Docs.

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