

2026 CNB Bank Investing in the Arts Scholarship Application

CNB Bank Investing in the Arts committee is proud to support local community and school affiliated art programs. We invite eligible students to enhance their education by participating in our scholarship contest. We will be awarding one student a $1,000.00 scholarship to be used for continuing his/her/their education in an art-related field.

Mission statement: to invest in programs and partnerships that support artists of all ages, broaden access to artistic opportunities, and foster a lasting appreciation for the arts within the communities we serve.

Our vision: to celebrate artistic expression and recognize the creativity, talent, and cultural contributions of individuals across every age and background. Through collaborative initiatives in visual, literary, musical, media, and performing arts, the Investing in the Arts Committee seeks to strengthen arts engagement and inspire meaningful participation throughout the community.

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Eligibility
High School seniors with intentions to further their education at a college or university with an art-related degree are eligible to apply. Student must attend a high school in the CNB Bank market area. Dependents of CNB Bank Directors or Officers are not eligible to apply.

Essay Theme
Describe a specific moment when your involvement in the arts (such as visual art, music, theater, dance, creative writing, film, or another artistic discipline) changed the way you thought about yourself, others, or the world around you. Explain why this experience was meaningful and how it influenced your decision to pursue further education in the arts at the college level.

Essay Requirements

- A maximum of 500 words
- Typed and double-spaced
- Participant name and/or family names should not appear on the essay
- Original, student-written essay without the assistance of AI

Submission Requirements
Each applicant should provide:

- A completed application including a summary of participation in community and/or school arts-related activities
- One letter of academic recommendation from a present or past educator, and
- One letter of personal recommendation from a non-family member. References may not be bank employees
- Originally written essay without the assistance of ChatBot/AI technology

Ways to Submit

- Email all required submission materials to arts@cnbbank.bank by November 20, 2026
- All submission material must be attached as a PDF (No Google/Word Docs)

Judging
Essays will be judged by a selection committee on originality, grammar, and how well ideas are expressed. Contributions to both school and community will be considered.

Please Note: Incomplete applications and those students that do not plan to major in a performing or visual art-related field will not be considered.

Deadlines
Applicant form, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received by 11:59 p.m. November 20, 2026. Winner will be announced via Facebook and our website on December 15, 2026.

Information
Please contact the Investing in the Arts committee by email at arts@cnbbank.bank for any additional information.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First MI

Email _____

Home Address
_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Graduate of _____ High School Date of Graduation _____

Degree or Field of Interest_____

Post Secondary School selection (if known) _____

Art-related Actives (please include how long you have been participating)*

*If more space is needed, please list on a separate sheet of paper.

**Please attach two letters of reference: one academic reference (past or present teacher) reference and one non-family reference. References should not include bank employees.

***On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the essay prompt provided in the instructions. Essays must be originally written without the assistance of AI.

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