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Dan Gutstein, Learning Resource Center by telephone (410.225.2422) or e-mail (LRC@mica.edu).

via the web: www.mica.edu/UGcontact
Admission and Competitive Scholarship Dates and Deadlines

**FRESHMEN—REGULAR ADMISSION**

**Fall Enrollment**

*February 15* Application deadline to be considered for priority admission and competitive scholarships (applications received after this date will be considered until March 1 if space is available)

*March 5-12* Admission notification mailed to February 15 applicants

*March 15* Deadline to submit additional portfolio pieces for scholarship consideration

*April 2-6* Admission notification mailed for applications received between February 15 and March 1

**April 9-13** Notification of scholarship recipients

**May 1** Candidate Reply Date: tuition and housing deposits due

**Spring Enrollment**

*November 5* Admission and financial aid application deadline—all materials in the packet must be received simultaneously for application to be considered (applications received after this date will be considered if space is available)

*December 1* Admission notifications mailed

*December 15* Candidate Reply Date: tuition and housing deposits due

**FRESHMEN—EARLY DECISION OPTION**

*November 15* Admission deadline—all materials in the packet must be received simultaneously for application to be considered

*December 2* Early Decision Financial Aid Application deadline to receive an estimated financial aid package with the admission decision

*December 15* Admission and early estimated financial aid notifications mailed

*February 1 Candidate Reply Date: tuition and housing deposits due

**TRANSFER STUDENTS**

**Fall Enrollment**

*March 1* Application deadline for transfer students wishing to be considered for priority admission and competitive scholarships; these applicants will be mailed notifications of admission decisions on April 2

*April 2* (then rolling) Application deadline for all other transfer students (applications received after this date will be considered if space is available); these applicants will be notified on April 30

**Week of April 18-24** Notification of scholarship recipients

**May 21** Candidate Reply Date: tuition and housing deposits due

**Spring Enrollment**

*November 5* Application deadline (applications received after this date will be considered if space is available)

*December 1* Admission notifications mailed

*December 15* Candidate Reply Date: tuition and housing deposits due

**Financial Aid Dates and Deadlines**

**FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS**

**Required Documents:**

1. MICA Financial Aid Application
2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
3. Parent and student federal tax returns and W-2 statements

**Fall Enrollment**

*February 15* Application deadline for priority funding consideration (applications received after this date will be processed until funds are exhausted)

**April 9-13** Financial aid award notifications mailed to freshman applicants, including notification of scholarship recipients

**April 18-24** Financial aid award notifications mailed to transfer applicants

**Spring Enrollment**

*November 5* Application deadline for priority funding consideration (applications received after this date will be processed until funds are exhausted)

*December 1* Financial aid award notifications mailed

**EARLY DECISION FRESHMAN APPLICANTS**

**Required Documents:**

1. MICA Financial Aid Early Decision Application
2. Parent and student federal tax returns and W-2 statements

**December 2** Application deadline for early estimate of financial aid

**December 15** Early estimated financial aid notifications mailed

**February 15** Deadline to file FAFSA
**Application for Undergraduate Admission**

**PERSONAL DATA**

* Information in this section noted with an asterisk is requested to help us collect statistical data regarding our applicants. Questions regarding country of birth, citizenship, resident alien status, and gender are required to complete appropriate immigration procedures.

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**ETHNICITY**

□ Hispanic or Latino

□ American Indian or Alaska Native

□ African American, Black

□ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

□ Asian

**RACE (NON-HISPANIC)**

□ White

□ Multi-racial/ethnic (please list race/ethnicity of each parent)

□ Prefer not to answer

**IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES:**

Do you intend to apply for an F-1 student Visa if accepted to MICA? □ Yes □ No

If yes, are you a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) of the United States? □ Yes □ No

Are you in the process of applying for Lawful Permanent Residency? □ Yes □ No

Date of application: / / 

Are you currently a U.S. visa holder? □ Yes □ No

If yes, visa type? □ F-1 Student Visa □ Other (specify type)*

*Please provide a photocopy

Visa expiration date: / / 

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

E-mail address

Cell phone number (with area code)

PERMANENT home address: number and street

City/State/Country

Zip (or postal code)

Area code (or country & city code) and phone number

CURRENT mailing address: number and street

This address valid until (month/day/year)

City/State/Country

Zip (or postal code)

Area code (or country & city code) and phone number

**ADMISSION DATA**

Desired entrance date: □ January 2012 □ September 2012 □ January 2013

Preferred academic load: □ Full-time □ Part-time

I am applying as a: □ Freshman, regular admission □ Freshman, early decision □ Transfer □ Non-Matriculating Student

**I PLAN TO APPLY FOR MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**

* To apply for merit-based competitive scholarships at MICA, please complete the Application for Competitive Scholarships: (pages 7-11) and submit with your application. See the Instruction Booklet for listings of scholarship competitions and application procedures for competitive scholarships.

**I PLAN TO APPLY FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID**

* Financial aid application forms become available the first week of January. A complete packet of required forms is automatically mailed to all students who apply for admission and are also available online (www.mica.edu/UGForms). Early Decision Financial Aid Applications, for estimated aid, are available October 1. See the Instruction Booklet for application procedures.

**I AM ELIGIBLE FOR VETERAN’S YELLOW RIBBON BENEFITS** □ Yes □ No

**I AM A CANDIDATE FOR A TUITION EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP** □ Yes □ No

* See tuitionexchange.org to check on your eligibility
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE HISTORY

HIGH SCHOOL

Full name of PRIMARY high school
Type: □ public □ private □ parochial □ art magnet

City
State/Country
Zip or postal code
Date of graduation

Are you currently attending a specialized art magnet school or art center in addition to your high school program? □ Yes □ No

Full Name of PROGRAM (if applicable)
Type: □ art center □ art magnet □ other

Are you planning to submit the GED High School Equivalency Exam? □ Yes □ No

College

Name of LAST UNIVERSITY ATTENDED (include campus name)
Type: □ art college □ liberal arts college/university □ 2 year/community college

City
State/Country
Zip or postal code

Dates attended
Degree received

Other college(s) attended

City
State/Country
Zip or postal code

Dates attended
Degree received

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

EDUCATIONAL AND TEST RECORD

Check those which apply.

□ I am currently enrolled in high school/secondary school.
□ I am currently enrolled in university/post-secondary school.

□ Other: (please explain) .................................................................

I am interested in applying to MICA for (check one) □ first undergraduate degree □ second undergraduate degree

I am enrolled in an □ IB program □ GCE/GCSE program □ Abitur program □ Other: .................................................................

Native language: ................................................................. Language(s) of instruction at my school: .................................................................

Years of formal study of English ................................................................. Years of formal study of art .................................................................

TOEFL Score ................................................................. OR: Date expected to take TOEFL*

IELTS Score ................................................................. OR: Date expected to take IELTS*

* International applications will not be reviewed for admission without a TOEFL or IELTS score on file.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Check all that apply.

□ I am able to pay all expenses in full.
□ I would need a full scholarship to attend.

□ I would need a partial scholarship to attend.
□ I am able to pay all expenses but would like to be considered for a merit scholarship.
PARENT/GUARDIAN OR SPOUSE INFORMATION

(circle one) PARENT  SPETPARENT  GUARDIAN  SPOUSE

☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Last (family) name  First name  Middle name  Area code (or country & city code) + phone number

Street address  E-mail address

City/State/Country  Zip (or postal code)

Occupation  Employer (name/city/state)

College attended  Degree  Year

(circle one) PARENT  STEPPARENT  GUARDIAN  SPOUSE

☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms.

Last (family) name  First name  Middle name  Area code (or country & city code) + phone number

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If not with both parents, with whom do you make your permanent home?  ____________________________________________________________

Please check if parents are: ☐ married  ☐ separated  ☐ divorced  ☐ other

PLANNED AREA(S) OF STUDY

Please indicate below the department in which you plan to major: (check one)

☐ animation  ☐ art history, theory & criticism  ☐ ceramics  ☐ drawing  ☐ architectural design

☐ fiber  ☐ general fine arts  ☐ graphic design  ☐ humanistic studies*

☐ illustration  ☐ interaction design & art  ☐ interdisciplinary sculpture  ☐ painting  ☐ photography

☐ printmaking  ☐ video & film arts  ☐ undecided

* A major in humanistic studies is combined with a studio discipline, please indicate your choice from the majors above. __________________________________________________________________________

Do you plan to include a liberal arts minor? (check one)

☐ no  ☐ art history  ☐ creative writing  ☐ critical theory  ☐ culture & politics  ☐ gender studies  ☐ literary studies

Do you eventually plan to enroll in a fifth year Graduate Capstone Program? (check one)

☐ no  ☐ undecided  ☐ Master of Arts in Teaching  ☐ Master of Arts in Social Design  ☐ Master of Arts in Community Arts

☐ Master of Professional Studies in Business of Art & Design

Do you plan to pursue a studio concentration? (check one)

☐ no  ☐ undecided  ☐ animation  ☐ book arts  ☐ ceramics  ☐ curatorial studies  ☐ architectural design

☐ experimental fashion  ☐ graphic design  ☐ illustration  ☐ interaction design & art  ☐ photography

☐ printmaking  ☐ sound art  ☐ video & film arts  ☐ sustainability & social practice
**ESSAY**

(Attach your essay to this form and return it with other application materials.)

Ideally, the application process should provide us with a comprehensive portrait of you, but sometimes grades, test scores, recommendations, and even the portfolio do not reveal the real you. At MICA, we know there is more.

Expand upon the image we have of you by choosing one of the following topics and writing a brief essay:

1. If you could create an exhibition at any museum in the U.S. or abroad, which artist (or group of artists) and which museum would you select and why?

2. Choose an artist or art movement that interests you. Describe how that artist or art movement relates to your work.

3. Write an autobiographical essay that tells us something about yourself that you feel is significant to your application and our perception of you.

4. If you could spend an afternoon with an artist, either an artist from the past or one from the present, tell us who the artist would be and why you would choose that artist. Describe your experience — what you did, what you discussed, where you went, or what you learned.

**ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

(Attach the information requested below to this form and return it with other application materials.)

- List your experience in the arts beyond regular classroom instruction.
- List the art exhibitions you have seen in the last two years.
- What are your two favorite books?
- List other activities you have been involved in, such as the performing arts, athletics, student organizations/government/publications, community service or volunteer activities.
- List any honors or awards you have achieved.

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**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

Have you ever attended Maryland Institute College of Art?

- No
- Degree Program (BFA)
- Continuing Studies Program
- Pre-College Summer Residency Program

Dates attended

Have you visited the MICA campus?

- Yes Date
- No

Which of the following were most useful to you in learning about MICA?

- Art teacher
- Mailings from MICA
- MICA students
- MICA web site
- Other (specify)
- MICA alumni
- College representative
- SMART catalog
- Guidance counselor

Please list ALL colleges to which you are applying:

Name of relative

Relationship

Are you related to a member of Maryland Institute College of Art faculty or staff?

- Yes
- No

Name of relative

Relationship

Dates of attendance

Are you applying for tuition remission?

- Yes
- No

*Contact MICA HR Office to check on your eligibility

I affirm that the information on this application is true, accurate, and complete.

Signature Date
Maryland Institute College of Art

Freshman Application for Competitive Scholarships

To be eligible for freshman competitive scholarships please complete the following:

1. Complete this form and send with your application for admission by February 15th. Your teacher’s contact information and endorsement is required for you to be eligible for competitive scholarships. You must also request to be considered for at least one of the following scholarships: Thalheimer, Devito, Nearburg, NAHS or Academic Excellence by checking the appropriate box.

2. A portfolio of artwork must be on file by March 15th for review by the Scholarship Jury. Portfolios can be submitted online or on CD/DVD. See Instructions Booklet pages 3–4.

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ART TEACHER ENDORSEMENT

I endorse, ____________________________ ____________________________

Applicant’s name | Art teacher’s signature

as a candidate for scholarships at Maryland Institute College of Art.

It is my belief that this student has demonstrated commitment to and ability in the visual arts and academics and will benefit from the programs of study at MICA.

FANNY B. THALHEIMER SCHOLARSHIP

This competition awards more than one half million dollars in merit-based scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding studio abilities as well as academic achievement. Each year, thirty awards are made, ranging from $16,000 to $54,000, allocated over four years.

☐ I wish to be considered for this merit based scholarship offered by Maryland Institute College of Art.

MATHIAS J. DEVITO SCHOLARSHIP

This merit-based competition awards one $40,000 scholarship, allocated over four years, to a high school senior demonstrating talent and promise based on a portfolio of artwork. The selection criteria also include personal character; an inquisitive, open, and discerning mind; and an interest in the social and cultural context for making art.

☐ I wish to be considered for this merit based scholarship offered by Maryland Institute College of Art.

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RETT NEARBURG SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will award $60,000, allocated over four years, to students whose portfolios demonstrate artistic talent and potential with an emphasis on digital arts media. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement and an interest in pursuing a major in interactive media or any digitally-based arts discipline. The number of awards and amount will be determined on the basis of both meritorious achievements and financial need. To learn about Rett, visit www.rett.org.

☐ I wish to be considered for this merit based scholarship offered by Maryland Institute College of Art.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (NAHS) SCHOLARSHIP

Fifty $4,000 to $8,000 merit-based scholarships, allocated over four years, are awarded each year to high school seniors who are members of the National Art Honor Society.

☐ I am a member of the National Art Honor Society and I wish to be considered for the National Art Honor Society Scholarship offered by Maryland Institute College of Art.

☐ I am an officer of the NAHS Chapter at my high school. My title is ________________________________

NAHS ADVISOR / ART TEACHER CERTIFICATION

I certify that this student is a current member of the National Art Honor Society.

________________________________________________________  _______________________________________________________
Applicant’s name  NAHS advisor/art teacher’s signature

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

(Attach to this form and return with admission application)

☐ Statement:
Submit a statement describing the importance of academic studies in the context of a professional college of art.

☐ Letters of Recommendation:
Please attach one to three letters of recommendation from your liberal arts teacher(s).

☐ Academic Writing Samples:
Submit one analytical essay. This sample is to include documentation (footnotes and bibliography). It can be writing that you have submitted for a class assignment. The analytical essay may include choices from the following subject areas: political, social, biological, or physical sciences; archaeology/anthropology, history, or art history.

CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE
**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

This competition awards fifty merit-based scholarships in the amount of $24,000 to $36,000, allocated over four years, to high school seniors demonstrating academic achievement.

☐ I wish to be considered for this merit based scholarship offered by Maryland Institute College of Art.

Please complete the following:

Your highest scores:

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Your most recent G.P.A.

| Unweighted | Weighted | Class Rank (if available) |

Are you enrolled in honors, I.B. or A.P. courses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list subjects:

National Merit Scholarship Program: I am a ☐ Finalist ☐ Semifinalist ☐ Commended Student

National Achievement Scholarship Program: I am a ☐ Finalist ☐ Semifinalist

National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program: I am a ☐ Finalist

Class valedictorian: ☐ I will be my class valedictorian ☐ I am a candidate (final selection has not been made)

**LIBERAL ARTS TEACHER ENDORSEMENT**

I endorse, ____________________________

Student’s name

as a candidate for the Academic Excellence Scholarship at Maryland Institute College of Art. It is my belief that this student has demonstrated commitment to and ability in the liberal arts and will benefit from the programs of study at MICA.

Liberal arts teacher’s name ____________________________

Liberal arts teacher’s signature ____________________________

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP** (Attach to this form and return with admission application)

☐ Statement: Submit a statement describing the importance of academic studies in the context of a professional college of art.

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Freshman applicants will be automatically considered for these scholarships if the Freshman Application for Competitive Scholarships is completed and returned as instructed on page 7. For more information about these scholarships and award amounts please see the Instructions Booklet.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY MICA

• YoungARTS Awards
• Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation
• Scholastics Art Awards
• Access for Excellence Scholarships
• Meyerhoff Scholarship
• National NAACP ACT-SO Competition Match
• Don F. Turano ’59 Fund Scholarship
• Latino Art Beat

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM MARYLAND

• Irving and Louis Blum Foundation Scholarship
• Lenore Fund Scholarship
• Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Scholarship Competition (Entry forms will be mailed to eligible candidates.)
• Maryland Awards Program (Maryland Distinguished Scholar)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

• C.V. Starr Scholarship for International Students
• International Award of Excellence

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND PAGES 7 THROUGH 10 WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION.
Transfer Student Application for Competitive Scholarships

This competition awards $1,000 to $18,000 per year to transfer students demonstrating outstanding studio abilities as well as academic achievement.

☐ I wish to be considered for this merit based scholarship offered by Maryland Institute College of Art.

 Applicant last (family) name  First (legal)  First (preferred)  Middle

 ART INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

 PRIMARY art instructor/professor name

 Art instructor’s e-mail address  Art instructor’s daytime telephone number

 Full name of art instructor’s institutional affiliation  ☐ 2 Year  ☐ 4 Year

 Institution’s street address

 City/State/Country  Zip (or postal code)

 TRANSFER STUDENT CHECKLIST (To be eligible for merit-based competitive scholarship, these materials are due by March 1)

 I have enclosed with this application or previously sent the following:

 ☐ Transcripts  ☐ Portfolio of artwork (See Instructions Booklet pages 5–6.)  ☐ Enrollment status report form (download from www.mica.edu/forms)  ☐ Course descriptions

 PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION.
Statement of Equal Opportunity and Reasonable Accommodation
Maryland Institute College of Art is committed to its policy of providing equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran. This policy applies to all programs, facilities, and activities provided by Maryland Institute College of Art, including, but not limited to admission, educational programs, and employment. MICA is committed to providing individuals with disabilities access and reasonable accommodation to all MICA programs, services, and activities in compliance with federal and state law. For information, or to request disability accommodations in the admission process, please contact: Dan Gutstein, Learning Resource Center by telephone (410.225.2422) or e-mail (LRC@mica.edu).