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### ADMISSION • COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS • FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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**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).

All MICA forms for admission and financial aid are available in PDF format for users of screen readers at www.mica.edu (select Admission Forms under Quick Links).
Admission to MICA

Admission to MICA is highly competitive. Students who apply to MICA are men and women who have made a commitment to art and demonstrated this commitment by developing a serious portfolio of artwork. In selecting from among the many outstanding applications we receive for a limited number of places, MICA’s Admission Committee considers a comprehensive set of factors. Central to our evaluations are the artistic and academic qualifications of our candidates, but we also consider extracurricular activities and achievements, art experience beyond required classroom instruction, and personal qualities.

Portfolios are evaluated on an individual basis, in the context of the specific educational background and experiences of each applicant. The Admission Committee assesses the way you express your thoughts and ideas visually, as well as your previous training and technical abilities. The portfolio is the most meaningful indicator of serious artistic commitment, ability, and potential to succeed in MICA’s rigorous studio environment. Your artwork reflects your visual sensitivity, your intellectual curiosity and creativity, your motivation and self-discipline, and your previous experience in the visual arts.

Our evaluation of your academic performance is determined by grades, level of coursework, test scores, and class rank. Final transcripts will be required to verify high school completion or the equivalent. The required essay is also seriously considered. Letters of recommendation, lists of extracurricular and volunteer activities, and art experiences beyond regular classroom instruction can strengthen the application.

When presenting your credentials during the portfolio review, remember that we want to know as much information about you as possible on which to base our admission decision. Students who have not had the advantage of a strong high school art program but who have an excellent academic record should present their high school transcripts during their portfolio review. You can enhance your application and our understanding of your academic record by including examples of your personal and academic writing. Be prepared to discuss your artwork and to receive a critique from an admission representative or faculty member. If you cannot be present when we review your portfolio, you should enclose with the portfolio that accompanies your admission application additional written information (in addition to the required details: medium, size, and date) about your slides or CD to help us understand your work.

For example, describe assigned class projects and your solution to each problem. If the work was self-directed, tell us about your ideas and concepts. Application deadlines and notification dates are listed on page 9. Meeting these deadlines will guarantee full consideration of your application. Completed applications will be accepted after the noted dates only if space remains available.

Each applicant is notified in writing of the admission decision. Once you have received your notification of acceptance, a tuition deposit is required to reserve space at the College. This is an initial payment of the first semester’s tuition and is due, along with a housing deposit for students requesting campus housing, by the Candidate Reply Date listed on page 9.

Applications for admission and competitive scholarships are enclosed. All forms for admission, scholarships, transfer credit, financial aid, and immigration can also be found in PDF format at www.mica.edu/UFforms.

Admission Procedures for Freshman Applicants

Freshmen / Regular Admission

Submit the attached undergraduate admission application form with the $60 application fee to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Please make all checks (which must be in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks) and money orders payable to Maryland Institute College of Art. If you wish to apply for merit-based scholarships, also complete and return the competitive scholarship application form with your application for admission.

Step 2: Transcripts

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for admission to MICA’s undergraduate degree program. Request that an official record of grades be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from your secondary school. If you received high school equivalency, request that your GED scores be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from your State Board of Education.

Step 1: Application and Fee

Submit the attached undergraduate admission application form with the $60 application fee to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Please make all checks (which must be in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks) and money orders payable to Maryland Institute College of Art. If you wish to apply for merit-based scholarships, also complete and return the competitive scholarship application form with your application for admission.

GPA requirements, scores are evaluated in relation to other academic materials and the portfolio review. (MICA CEEB Code—for SAT—is #5339; ACT Code #1710). If English is not your first language, it is strongly recommended that you submit TOEFL or IELTS test scores with your application materials by February 15 (detailed instructions are included in Step 2 on page 7 under procedures for international students). Your application will not be reviewed for admission without at least one test score on file (TOEFL, IELTS, ACT, SAT).

Step 3: Letters of Recommendation

Submit one or three letters of recommendation from any of the following: teachers (both art and academic), college placement advisors, or guidance counselors. Ask such individuals to send letters of reference to the Office of Undergraduate Admission within two weeks of the date you mail your application.

Step 4: Test Scores

Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) and/or American College Test (ACT) results are required for all first-time freshmen. The ACT Writing Test is recommended, but not required. Test scores are evaluated in relation to other academic materials and the portfolio review. (MICA CEEB Code—for SAT—is #5339; ACT Code #1710). If English is not your first language, it is strongly recommended that you submit TOEFL or IELTS test scores with your application materials by February 15 (detailed instructions are included in Step 2 on page 7 under procedures for international students). Your application will not be reviewed for admission without at least one test score on file (TOEFL, IELTS, ACT, SAT).

Step 5: Essay

Choose one of the topics listed on the application form, write an essay, and attach it to your application.

Step 6: Activities & Interests

Compile a list of activities, interests, and honors in resume format as explained on the application form, and attach it to your application.

Step 7: Portfolio of Artwork

The portfolio should be a collection of recent artwork that represents your artistic interests and demonstrates your technical skills and ability. You should include examples of artwork that are a product of art instruction as well as work that reflects your individual ideas and directions. The composition of the portfolio should be balanced to emphasize your strengths: for example, it could focus on a medium such as painting or photography, or a subject such as portraiture or social commentary while still representing the full range of your experience. It is strongly suggested that drawings from observation (rather than from imagination or copied from photographs) also be included.

Step 2: Transcripts
A high school diploma or equivalent is required for admission to MICA’s undergraduate degree program. Request that an official record of grades be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from your secondary school. If you received high school equivalency, request that your GED scores be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from your State Board of Education.
Applicants should submit a portfolio of 12-20 pieces of artwork in one of the following formats:

- Please refer to the directions below under “Format for Digital Portfolio Submissions on CD/DVD.”
- Digital images and/or time-based artwork on CD or DVD. Please refer to the requirements described below under “Format for Digital Portfolio Submissions on CD/DVD.”
- Photographs

Portfolios submitted as part of the admission and competitive scholarship application process become a permanent part of the admission file and are not returned. Do not mail original artwork or your copies of artwork described below, send only slides or a CD/DVD:

If you would like a one-on-one review of your original portfolio by an MICA admission representative, you may bring it to a National Portfolio Day, when MICA representatives are online via https://micaundergrad.slideroom.com (preferred method).

Please note:

Freshman / Early Decision Option

If MICA is your first choice for college, you may want to consider our Early Decision Plan. The Early Decision Plan is designed to let you know of our admission decision early in your senior year and is intended for talented students with strong academic records. Students accepted under the Early Decision Plan have the option of receiving an early financial aid estimate. A student considered under the Early Decision Plan agrees to enroll at Maryland Institute College of Art if admitted. You may apply to other colleges with the understanding that you will withdraw any other applications if admitted to MICA. To be considered for the Early Decision Plan, you must submit all of the materials described below in a single packet by November 15. A student considered under the Early Decision Plan agrees to enroll at Maryland Institute College of Art if admitted. You may apply to other colleges with the understanding that you will withdraw any other applications if admitted to MICA. To be considered for the Early Decision Plan, you must submit all of the materials described below in a single packet by November 15. If you wish to receive an estimate of your financial aid package along with your admission decision, you should complete the MICA Early Decision Financial Aid Application form and return it to the Financial Aid Office by December 2. Early Decision Financial Aid Applications are available at https://mica.edu/ugforms. You will be contacted if additional information is required to complete your estimated financial aid award. Notification of acceptance will be sent to the Early Decision candidates on December 15, along with a tentative financial aid package, if all required information has been received by the deadline.

Application and Admission Procedures

Applicants should submit a portfolio of 12-20 pieces of artwork to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Each transfer student brings to the College a different level of artistic capability and academic achievement based on a variety of post-secondary educational experiences. Some students transfer to the College as freshmen, others as sophomores and juniors. A limited number of spaces is available each year within each department, and admission is competitive. There are various reasons why students attend other colleges for one or two years before transferring to MICA. Some plan to gain additional experience before applying to MICA; some postpone their entry for financial reasons; and some need more time to define their commitment to the visual arts. For more information about transferring to MICA, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at 410.225.2222.

Step 1: Application

Submit the undergraduate admission application form to the Office of Undergraduate Admission together with the non-refundable $60 application fee. Please make all checks (which must be in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks) and money orders payable to Maryland Institute College of Art. Be sure to complete the required essay and all attached lists. If you require financial aid, submit the Financial Aid Application. If you wish to apply for merit-based scholarships, complete and return the competitive scholarships application form with your application for admission.

Step 2: Transcripts

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for admission to MICA’s undergraduate degree program. Request that an official record of your grades be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission from your high school and from all accredited post-secondary institutions attended.

Note: Only courses carrying a grade of C or better will qualify for transfer credit. Up to 63 credits required for the BFA degree may be transferred from other accredited colleges. Liberal arts courses in which the course content parallels that of courses offered at MICA will be considered for transfer credit. Transfer of studio courses is determined by portfolio review and course equivalency. In some cases, the academic dean will consider waiving course requirements after an evaluation of art achievements gained outside formal school programs.

Step 3: Enrollment Status Report Form

The Enrollment Status Report Form, detailing a list of the courses you have currently enrolled, or plan to enroll, must accompany your application. It should include your name, college/university attending, semester/year, course titles, departments, course numbers, and course descriptions. The printable form—Enrollment Status Report Form—is available at www.mica.edu/ugforms.

Step 4: Course Descriptions

Transfer applicants must submit course descriptions for all courses for which they are requesting transfer credit.

Step 5: Letters of Recommendation

If you feel that the recommendations of instructors, advisors, or employers are important to your application, ask such individuals to send letters of reference to the Office of Undergraduate Admission within two weeks of the date you mail your application.

Step 6: Test Scores

The College Entrance Examination Board (ACT) or the American College Test (ACT) are not required for transfer admission. However, if English is your second language, you must submit test scores from TOEFL or IELTS exams by March 1 (detailed instructions are included in Step 2 page 7 under procedure for International Students).

Step 7: Essay

Choose one of the topics listed on the application form, write an essay, and attach it to your application.

Step 6: Activities & Interests

Compile a list of activities, interests, and honors as explained on the application form, and attach it to your application.

Step 7: Portfolio of Artwork

Submit a portfolio of 12-20 pieces of artwork to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. [Detailed instructions are included in Step 7 pages 3 and 4 under Freshman/Regular Admission.]
Transfer students should prepare a portfolio of 15-35 pieces of artwork that demonstrates a knowledge of college-level coursework. The portfolio should include items that represent basic skills in drawing, painting, color, and design. If enough coursework has been completed, the portfolio should also reflect experience in a major field of study.

The portfolio allows the review committee to evaluate which studio courses will transfer to MICA and determine class standing in your departmental major. Therefore, your portfolio should represent as much work as possible from all studio courses taken while attending other post-secondary institutions. Applicants should submit a portfolio of artwork in one of the following formats:

- Digital images uploaded to https://micaundergrad.slideroom.com (preferred method)
- Digital images and/or time-based artwork on CD or DVD. Please refer to the requirements described below under “Formats for Digital Portfolio Submissions on CD/DVD.”

Transfer students should make certain that their passport and letter of acceptance from MICA and a Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant (F-1) Student status are available to support your study at the College. This is required before a Form I-20 can be issued.

Digital images uploaded to https://micaundergrad.slideroom.com (preferred method) Please refer to the directions below under “Format for Online Portfolio Submissions”

Digital images and/or time-based artwork on CD or DVD. Please refer to the requirements described below under “Formats for Digital Portfolio Submissions on CD/DVD.”

Portfolio Days are hosted by MICA and other members of the National Portfolio Day Association. For information regarding dates, times, and locations, visit the MICA Web site at www.mica.edu. You can also call MICA Office of Undergraduate Admission for information about National Portfolio Days.

Please note: All transfer applicants, even those not applying for competitive scholarships, must submit a portfolio online at https://micaundergrad.slideroom.com in CD, DVD, or slide format, as described above, along with application materials.

Admission Procedures for International Freshman and Transfer Applicants

International students are warmly received into the MICA community. The presence of students from around the world enriches the quality of our student body. The College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students. Each student must meet all of the requirements for admission as freshman or transfer students. In addition, they must demonstrate a knowledge of English for success in coursework at an American college.

International students must submit the following application materials to our Office of Graduate Admission at 410.225.2256.

Step 1: Application

Submit the undergraduate application form with the $60 application fee to the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Please make all checks (which must be in U.S. dollars drawn on U.S. banks) payable to Maryland Institute College of Art. If you wish to apply for merit-based scholarships, also complete and return the competitive scholarships application form with your application for any awarded financial aid.

Step 2: Test scores

If your native language is not English you must demonstrate proof of English language proficiency to be considered for admission. MICA requires a score result on The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of at least 550 PBT (paper based test), or equivalent 213 CBT (computer-based test), or 80 IBT (internet-based test). MICA also accepts a band score of at least 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), SAT or ACT test scores may also be considered as a test of English proficiency. Your application will not be reviewed for admission if you fail to meet test scores, which must be received by application deadlines: February 15th for freshman; March 1st for transfer students. If you have not yet achieved the minimum score requests listed above, you should submit your current scores for review by these deadlines. After evaluation of all your admission materials, you may be admitted on a conditional basis with the requirement that you complete an MICA’s three-week Summer Intensive English Program (SIP) or achieve minimum test results within a limited amount of time to be granted full admission. For more information about the TOEFL exam, testing dates and locations, visit the site at www.toefl.org or e-mail toefl@ets.org.

Step 3: Transcripts

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for admission to MICA’s undergraduate degree program. Submit original certified transcripts from your secondary school and any university-level institution you have attended. Include English translations provided by a translating agency. In some cases students will be asked to provide a third party credential evaluation through a service such as World Education Services’ WES IAC. Instructions for submitting these files are available online or by contacting your high school’s guidance office.

Step 4: Portfolio of Artwork

International freshman applicants should follow the instructions in Step 7 under Application Procedures for Freshmen Applicants.

International transfer applicants should follow the instructions in Step 9 under Application Procedures for Transfer Applicants.

Step 5: Letters of Recommendation

You must submit three letters of recommendation from teachers/faculty and school counselors. These letters are required but not limited.

Step 6: Essay

Choose one of the topics listed on the application form, write an essay, and attach it to your application.

Step 7: Activities & Interests

Compile a list of activities, interests, and honors in resume format as explained on the application form, and attach it to your application.

Step 8: Immigration Information

Indicate your current immigration status and your intentions regarding immigration completing the Immigration Information Form available on www.mica.edu/UGforms. Please complete this form as part of your application to study under an F-1 student visa.

Step 9: Demonstration of Ability to Finance Your Education* (For students requiring a F-1 student visa)

Submit an affidavit of support and/or Certifi cate of Finance (available on www.mica.edu/UGforms) then select Financial Statement for Non-Matriculating Students (internet-based test). MICA also accepts a band score of at least 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), SAT or ACT test scores may also be considered as a test of English proficiency. Your application will not be reviewed for admission if you fail to meet test scores, which must be received by application deadlines: February 15th for freshman; March 1st for transfer students. If you have not yet achieved the minimum score requests listed above, you should submit your current scores for review by these deadlines. After evaluation of all your admission materials, you may be admitted on a conditional basis with the requirement that you complete an MICA’s three-week Summer Intensive English Program (SIP) or achieve minimum test results within a limited amount of time to be granted full admission. For more information about the TOEFL exam, testing dates and locations, visit the site at www.toefl.org or e-mail toefl@ets.org.

Additional Admission Policies

Early Admission for High School Juniors

High school juniors demonstrating outstanding ability in studio art and academic areas can apply for early admission to the College by following the application procedures for freshman applicants. They must also:

- Present a written agreement from high school authorities that a high school diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of the freshman year at MICA.

- Submit a written recommendation from the high school principal or guidance counselor and a parent or legal guardian explaining why early admission to college is appropriate.

- Submit a letter from a parent or legal guardian granting permission for the student to enter college before high school graduation.
MICA offers a number of collaborative scholarship opportunities for high school seniors and transfer students. These prestigious scholarships are designed to recognize and reward artistic talent and academic achievement. Scholarships are open to students from the United States and abroad. Selection of scholarship recipients is based on a review of comprehensive packets of work that include: five pieces of a student’s portfolio; an essay about the student’s art practice; two letters of recommendation; and an application form. The packets must be submitted by November 15. Application materials received after this date will be considered for admission to MICA as a transfer student. The packets will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee along with the student’s academic record. Eligible students may request a scholarship application from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Each year, in recognition of academic achievement and merit, fifty merit-based scholarships, ranging from $4,000 to $36,000, are awarded to high school seniors who have been selected by the Scholastic Art Awards jury as a “A Top National Winner.” 

National Art Honor Society Scholarships

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

Rett Nearburg Scholarship

This scholarship will award $80,000, 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 achievement and financial need.

Please Note: To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must complete all admission requirements and be accepted for admission to the College. Students who are applying for scholarships based on financial need should complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the MICA Financial Aid Application, and Federal income tax returns by February 15.

Competitive Scholarships for Freshmen

Academic Excellence Scholarships

Each year, in recognition of academic achievements and talent, fifty merit-based scholarships in the amount of $24,000 to $36,000, each allocated over four years, are awarded to high school seniors.

Fanny B. Thalheimer Scholarships

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

Mathias J. DeVito Scholarship Program

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 include personal character; an inquisitive, open, and discerning mind; and an interest in the social and cultural context for making art.

National NAACP Act-So Competition Match

MICA will match awards received by junior or senior level high school students selected by the National ACT-So Competition of the NAACP as National winners. The following scholarships are renewable each year for four years: Gold $2,000, Silver $1,500, Bronze $1,000. For more information on the competition go to www.na-acp.org and click on program.

Don F. Turano ’59 Fund Scholarship

This $10,000 scholarship is allocated over four years for an outstanding student based on meritorious achievement and financial need.

Latino Art Beat Scholarship

MICA offers matching scholarships to high school seniors who have been selected as winners in the Latino Art Beat National High School Hispanic Heritage Art Competition in their award categories. Students living in Miami, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, and the District of Columbia are eligible. Scholarships amounts vary from $2,000 to $20,000, allocated over four years. For information on the competition, go to www.youngARTS.org.

Valedictorian Award

This merit-based scholarship awards $10,000, allocated over four years, to high school seniors who have been named as Valedictorians of their graduating class. The scholarship is awarded upon receipt of a letter from the college guidance or principal’s office confirming that this honor has been bestowed.

Scholarships for Maryland Freshmen Only

Irving and Lois Blum Foundation Scholarship

A total of $20,000 in scholarships, allocated over four years, is awarded to outstanding students from the Baltimore area.
Lenore Fund Scholarship
This award recognizes Baltimore-area candidates with exceptional artistic talent and financial need. Award amounts vary from $4,000 to $8,000 and are allocated over four years.

Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Scholarship Program
Students selected for this scholarship receive $8,000 to $12,000 merit-based awards, allocated over four years. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school students who are Catholic and attend schools within the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Maryland Awards Program
The Maryland Awards Program offers five to ten scholarships matching the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Awards for Finalists in the Visual Arts. Students selected for the Maryland Awards will receive $6,000 scholarship from MICA to match the $3,000 Distinguished Scholar Award, totaling $9,000 per year.

Competitive Scholarship Application Procedures for All Freshmen

Competitive Scholarships for Transfer Students
MICA offers scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $18,000 per year to qualified students transferring from other post-secondary institutions. Scholarship recipients are selected by review of application, transcripts, and portfolio; award amounts are based on a combination of meritorous achievement and financial need. These scholarships are funded by MICA and are renewable each year until completion of the BFA degree, provided recipients maintain full-time enrollment status and an annual 3.0 GPA.

Competitive Scholarships Application Procedures for All Freshmen

Step 1: Applications for Admission & Competitive Scholarships
You must be accepted for admission to MICA in order to receive a scholarship award. On your application for admission, you should indicate that you intend to apply for merit-based scholarships and complete the Application for Competitive Scholarships, included on that form. Submit all required admission application materials by the February 15 deadline. If you have not already done so, you must submit with your application:

• Your high school/secondary school transcripts or diploma indicating date of graduation.

Step 2: Portfolio of Artwork
If you have received an ‘accepted’ letter by review by an admission representative you must still submit a portfolio with your application materials if you are applying for competitive scholarships. Please submit your portfolio digitally in one of the following formats—rather than as slides or photographs/printouts:

• Digital images uploaded to https://micaun- dergrad.student.com (preferred method)

Step 2: Portfolio of Artwork
The portfolio of artwork you prepare for your admission application also serves as your portfolio for competitive scholarships for which you apply. Transfer applicants who intend to apply for competitive scholarships should submit their portfolio online or on CD/DVD as described under Step 9 in the Application Procedures for Transfer Applicants.

Scholarships for International Students Only
International students may apply for all merit scholarships (freshmen/transfer) for which they are eligible. The following are additional scholarships specifically for international students. No forms are required. All eligible candidates will be considered.

C. V. Starr Scholarship for International Students
This competition awards fifteen $10,000 scholarships, each allocated over four years, to entering freshmen who are international students. To be eligible, a candidate must be a citizen of a foreign country, but may be studying either in the United States or abroad. This merit-based scholarship recognizes outstanding artistic ability and talent.

International Award of Excellence
This competition awards five scholarships to entering freshman or transfer students $10,000 to $15,000 per year for each year of undergraduate study at MICA. To be eligible a candidate must be a citizen of a foreign country and be living outside the United States. This merit-based scholarship recognizes outstanding artistic achievement and a commitment to pursuing a career in the visual arts.

Competitive Scholarship Application Procedures for International Students

Freshman international students should follow the competitive scholarship application procedures for freshmen; international transfer students should follow the application procedures for transfers—as outlined above.

Competitive Scholarships for Returning Students
In addition to MICA-funded scholarships, the following competitive scholarships are made possible through bequests, annual gifts, and special grants and are awarded in recognition of academic achievement and demonstrated aptitude in art. These scholarships are reserved for returning students and are awarded beginning in the sophomore year.

Scholarships & Prizes for Returning Students

Jerome Abrams 46 Memorial Scholarship
AGDON USA, Inc. Scholarship
Priscilla Alexander Scholarship
Alumni Association Scholarship
The Ira J. Basler, Jr. and Mary K. Basler Memorial Scholarship
Jacob & Hilda Baustein Award
Jules M. Bodarky Scholarship
Marcella Brenner H’01 Distinguished MAT Scholar Award
Reuben Broek Memorial Scholarship
Betty Coope ‘46 Scholarship
Sgt. Ralph Roland Demuth Memorial Scholarship
Distinguished International Student Award
Freda Eischeid ‘81 Scholarship in Drawing
Freda Eischeid ‘81 Scholarship in Painting
Freda Eischeid ‘81 Scholarship in Sculpture
Evergreen House Foundation Scholarship
Samson Feldman ‘25 Scholarship in Art Education
Samson Feldman ‘25 Scholarship in Illustration
William Ferguson Merit Scholarship
C. Louise Mullan Flanigan ’34 Scholarship
France-Merrick Community Arts Partnership
Margaret Gleason Scholarship in Art Education
Billy N. Hadaway ’51 Memorial Scholarship
O’Neil Troy Hammond ’69, ’75 Memorial Scholarship
A. Claire Gaikas Herper ’1 Scholarship
Francis Burns Harvey Merit Scholarship
Lucile Hecht Memorial Scholarship
Emanuel Herman ’39 Prize
Hoffberger Foundation Fellowship Award
Barry Holnick ‘81 Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Al Humelitz ’1 Scholarship in Art Education
Rhea Lentz Josephs Memorial Scholarship
Harriet ‘67 and Philip Klein Scholarship
Perna Krick ’31 and Reuben Kramer ’32 Award of Merit
Patricia Lio Krongard ’76, ’80 Art Education Scholarship
Nora and Eugene Leake Scholarship in Painting
John J. Leidy Foundation Scholarship
Marc Levy ’00 Memorial Scholarship
Merrin Louis ’32 Scholarship
Carrie Macedonia ’03 Memorial Scholarship
Seymour Mandelbaum Merit Scholarship
Dr. Frank C. Marino Foundation Scholarship
MICA Staff and Faculty Scholarship
Tom Miller ’67, ’87 Memorial Scholarship
Arthur Mitchell ’66 Scholarship
Edward C. Morton, Jr. Memorial Fund Award
Louise N. Myerberg Family Scholarship
Christopher J. Overholser ’65 Scholarship in Graphic Design
Christopher J. Overholser ’65 Scholarship in Illustration
Bertrude Pentland Scholarship
James E. Peterson ’36 Scholarship
William M. Philips ’94 Memorial Scholarship
Roberta Poiley Fund Scholarship of the Baltimore Community Foundation
Santa Farinella Sangiamo General Fine Arts Scholarship
Thomai Sangiamo Scholarship
Helen C. Stevens Scholarship
Reba Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Three Arts Club of Homeland, Inc. Award
Walter G. ’38 and Betty Wilkinson ’39 Memorial Scholarship
Dale Burton Wood ’30 Memorial Scholarship in Fiber
Dale Burton Wood ’30 Memorial Scholarship in Illustration
Bill Woody/Tom Miller ’62, ’67 Scholarship
Financial Assistance

Since 1826, MICA has offered an outstanding private education in the visual arts, earning its reputation and ranking as one of the top four private art colleges in the nation. MICA has a commitment to make our programs available to talented students regardless of their economic background.

We believe that an education at MICA is an investment that yields a lifetime of personal, intellectual, and professional growth and accomplishment. We realize that the cost of this investment will require careful financial planning. We are committed to helping you find ways to make this education affordable through your program of study. Each year approximately 65 percent of our full-time students receive need-based financial assistance from many different programs. The College administers more than $35 million annually in its efforts to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students from all sources. The MICA-funded scholarships and grant programs alone provide more than $15 million.

Our financial aid staff counsels families about financial planning and assistance, makes available assistance forms for need-based awards, and administers a variety of aid programs described below. For those students who wish to work while attending MICA, the staff of the Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development provides assistance in finding appropriate part-time jobs.

Financial aid programs are available to students from all income levels—from Federal Pell Grants, reserved for the neediest of families, to low-interest non-need-based student loans for students from higher-income families. To ensure that you are aware of all the resources available to your family, we encourage all students to complete the financial aid application process and to consider the full range of options to finance your education.

Note: You must be accepted to the College in the BFA program and file the required financial aid forms to be considered for need-based financial aid, grants, or scholarships.

Need-Based Financial Aid

Need-Based Scholarships and Grants

All students accepted for admission to MICA who have completed the required financial aid applications by the deadline are considered for need-based grants and scholarships. Funded by the College, the federal government, and state agencies, these grants and scholarships do not have to be repaid. Students must be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents of the U.S. to be eligible.

- Federal Pell Grants up to $5,550 and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants of $1,000 are reserved for the most needy students.
- Scholarships and grants awarded through the Maryland State Scholarship Administration range up to $14,200.
- The MICA Grant is awarded on a need-only basis, and the MICA Scholarship is awarded based on a combination of need and merit.
- A number of MICA-funded on-campus work-study employment opportunities are available to students.

Non-Need-Based Aid

Scholarships

- Many Maryland Institute College of Art-sponsored competitive scholarships are awarded to new and returning students solely on merit. Detailed instructions are above, and the Application for Competitive Scholarships is included on the Application for Admission, enclosed.
- Maryland state residents are also encouraged to review scholarship opportunities available through the Maryland State Office of Student Financial Assistance www.mhec.state.md.us

- Non-Need-Based Loans and Work

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans are available to students regardless of need. Although these loans are not based on need, students are required to submit financial aid applications through the regular financial aid process to borrow under the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Borrowing opportunities are also available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. This Federal Parent Loan (PLUS) program is not need-based, and eligibility is based on credit-worthiness rather than income. Interest rates are variable and applications are available through the Federal Aid Office. PLUS Loan amounts can range up to $43,000. MICA must certify PLUS Loan applications, but no financial aid application is required.

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Note: You must be accepted to the College for the financial aid applications by the deadline are considered for need-based awards, which may consist of grants, scholarships, non-need-based loans and work, and/or work opportunities. The institutional contribution to the financial aid package is based on a combination of need and merit.

Financial aid award notices are sent on a rolling basis beginning around April 11. Each family will have a unique set of characteristics, which will determine their family contribution as well as their particular aid package. The specific sources of aid contained in aid packages will vary from family to family.

- Application Procedures for Financial Aid

We recommend that you file the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. To receive priority funding, all required financial aid documents must be received by February 15. Financial aid is awarded on a rolling basis, and applications received after the priority date will be considered until funds are exhausted.

- To apply for need-based financial aid, the following applications and documents will be required:
  1. MICA Financial Aid Application, submit to MICA Financial Aid Office (available online by the first week of January at www.mica.edu/FAFAS)
  2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—MICA Federal School Code: 002180, file with the federal processor (FAFSA available online after January 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- Note to Maryland Residents: FAFSA data must be received by the federal processor by March 1 to be considered for Maryland state aid programs.

Receipt of the financial aid application, together with your admission application, will begin the financial aid application process. Additional required forms will be forwarded to you automatically at the appropriate time. MICA’s financial aid staff is available throughout the process to assist in any way possible.

Financial Aid Dates and Deadlines

- 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).

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**Costs 2011 – 2012**

Expenses are based on a nine-month academic year and may vary from student to student. Half of the year’s tuition is due at the beginning of each semester.

**Tuition**
- Full-time: $36,370 per year / $18,085 per semester
- Part-time: $5,506 per credit part-time

**Housing**
On-campus costs include utilities, local telephone service, and high-speed internet access; Meyerhoff House residents also have cable TV.

- On-Campus Shared Room (The Commons): $7,980 per year / $3,990 per semester
- On-Campus Single Occupancy Room (the Commons): $8,550 per year / $4,275 per semester

**Books & Art Supplies**
- (estimate)
  - New Students: $1,450 per year
  - International Students: $800 per year

**Optional Fees**
- Parking Fee, Non-Residents: $120 per year
- Parking Fee, Residents: $20 per year

**MEAL PLANS (BOARD)**
- (per semester)
  - 75 meals + 50 Dining Dollars: $558 (spring only)
  - 100 meals + 100 Dining Dollars: $1,045
  - 150 meals + 150 Dining Dollars: $1,310
  - 200 meals + 200 Dining Dollars: $1,550

**Personal Expenses**
- (estimate)
  - U.S. Students: $675 per year
  - International Students: $800 per year

**Refund Policy**
If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from the College, tuition refunds are based upon the number of weeks that have elapsed between the first day of the semester and the last day of attendance: 100% refund if the student withdraws during the first week of classes; 80% refund if the student withdraws during the second week of classes; 40% refund if the student withdraws during the third/fourth week of classes; no refund if the student withdraws after the fourth week of classes.

Refunds of federal aid are set by federal guidelines. Refunds will be distributed among the Federal Family Educational Loan Programs, the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the Federal Pell Grant Programs, the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant Program, and other financial aid programs. If a student withdraws on or before 60 percent of the period of enrollment, the calculation of the return of funds may result in the student owing a balance to MICA. To view examples of calculations, forms, and further information, contact our Financial Aid Office.

**Directions to the Campus**

**From Pennsylvania and Points West**
- Take Interstate 70 east to Interstate 695 west, Towson, to Interstate 83 south, Baltimore. Take I-83 to Exit 6, North Avenue/Mount Royal Avenue. (Exit ramp becomes Mount Royal Avenue.) Stay in right lane of exit ramp, cross North Avenue at light, continue to 1300 Mount Royal. The Main Building is a large white marble building on your right. The Office of Undergraduate Admission is in Room 130.

**From Washington, D.C., and Points South**
- Take Interstate 95 north, follow “Baltimore Downtown” signs to Interstate 395. (Do not take tunnel exit.) Take 395 north and follow for about one-half mile to Inner Harbor/Conway/Street Exit. Bear right onto Conway Street to Charles Street. Turn left on Charles Street and go about two miles to Mount Royal Avenue (you will encounter the Washington Monument in the center of Charles Street after about 1 mile. Go around the monument and continue north on Charles Street, which resumes on the other side.) Turn left on Mount Royal Avenue and proceed to the Main Building, a large white marble building on your left. The Office of Undergraduate Admission is in Room 130.

**Pennsylvania Railway Station, Baltimore**
Amtrak provides regular service to Baltimore and offers a student rate. The railway station is just 5 minutes by taxi from our campus.

**Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)**
Transportation to campus is available by taxi (20 minutes) or light rail service (45 minutes). If driving from BWI, follow the directions from Washington, D.C. (BWI is a hub for Southwest Air.)