

LEGEND Award for High School Artists

The Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island (COAHSI) is now accepting applications for the LEGEND Award for High School Artists. The award is open to students living on Staten Island in grades 9 through 12. The deadline to enter is **February 1, 2012**. The award is made possible by Sharon and Mark Voto of [Legend Business Group](#).

The award was conceived by Sharon Voto as a way to recognize the talents of local young visual artists and give them financial support to help them achieve their goals. Five finalists will be selected to exhibit their work at the Legend Business Group showroom. One finalist will be selected to receive \$500.

Who is Eligible? Eligible artists must be:

- High School students in grades 9 – 12,
- Residents of Staten Island, and
- Visual Artists working in painting, drawing, sculpture, or installation.

How do you Apply? The following is required for application:

- Submit an application letter with the following:
 - Name, address, e-mail, and phone number of applicant
 - Age, grade, and school applicant attends
 - Two to Three paragraphs that share the applicants aspirations as an artist, and how they plan to spend the award if they receive it.
- One letter of recommendation.
- A mini-portfolio of 10 jpeg images showing a sample of the applicant's work. Images should be prepared as follows:
 - Image format: JPEG only.
 - Resolution: 72 dpi
 - Width: Maximum 1000 pixels; Minimum 600 pixels
 - Height: Maximum 800 pixels; Minimum 500 pixels
 - Images should be submitted on a CD or DVD
- Work Sample List: A text file that gives the following information for each of the 10 jpeg images.
 - File Name. (Example: mo232.jpg)
 - Title and year completed. (Example: "Movement Study," 2011)
 - Medium. (Example: Oil on canvas)
 - Dimensions. (Example: 18 x 32 inches)
 - Optional: Short description of work. (This painting was created after I became deeply interested in the movement of people as they entered and exited the train. I took a series of photographs in the subway, did a series of sketches from them, and created this composite of movement.)

Entries must arrive at COAHSI by February 1, 2012. Entries will be judged on creativity, skill, and ambition, by a panel of arts professionals with final selection by Sharon Voto. The award will be announced at a public ceremony in April.

Send entries to: COAHSI, LEGEND Award for High School Artists, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. **Do not send original work! Entries will not be returned.**

COAHSI assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves the rights to reproduce entries for marketing purposes. The immediate families of COAHSI

staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to Monica Valenzuela at 718-447-3329 or mvalenzuela@statenilandarts.org.