



Attention Teachers, Administrators, and Guidance Counselors:

Great News! Based on input from teachers, students and past scholarship judges, we have revamped our 2009 Scholarship criteria in several ways. These new changes will now allow more students to qualify for the financial awards and the number of awards that will be given next year has been increased.

Since 1991, Festival in the Park has awarded over **\$110,000** in scholarships. Wow! We encourage you to make your students aware of our scholarships and assist them in applying. Let's add your school's name to the list of winners of these awards! See our web site for a listing of past winner's names and their schools.

A one-time Scholarship award will be given to graduating high school seniors who plan to **minor or major** in the visual or performing arts (music, dance, theater, sculpture, painting, photography, drawing, etc.), whose parent's permanent residence is within a 100-mile radius of Roanoke, and expect to be accepted into post-secondary training or school in fall of 2009. Total awards will be at least \$2,500.



The awards being offered for 2009 are as follows:

1st place Music - \$500 1st place Performing Arts - \$500 1st place Visual Arts - \$500
2nd place Music - \$250 2nd place Performing Arts - \$250 2nd place Visual Arts- \$250
AND One or Two Special Honorable mention awards of \$250 in any category

In addition to the financial awards, students may show and/or sell their work at Festival in the Park's Fine Arts & Craft's show. Booth space will be free (normally \$175) and winners will receive loads of exposure. Also, the winners and their schools will be announced at the Festival's grand finale in front of thousands of patrons. Winners will be asked to come up on stage. And of course, all winners and their schools will be mentioned in our press releases and will be on our website. www.RoanokeFestival.org under Scholarships.

What the student needs to do to apply for these scholarships:

- Fill out the attached application
- Get two letters of recommendation (one being from a professional in the arts)
- Student to provide us with a representative sample of their talent – to be returned.
- Carefully read all the criteria
- Meet the application Deadline of April 3, 2009

ALL NECESSARY FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB SITE www.RoanokeFestival.org

We look forward to hearing from your students. If you have any questions, call Sarah Stephenson 540/342-2640 X247 or email sarah@eventzone.org or Sara Brooks, Scholarship Chairman at sarapw@infionline.net