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## *Rita and Bill Collins Memorial Arts Scholarship*

Rita Collins was the Cultural Council administrator extraordinaire and, when she retired, a member and treasurer of the Cultural Council. She managed the grant processing procedures and the grant reimbursement procedures. She was a model of dedication and loyalty to the Cultural Council. Rita was also a member of Framingham START Partnership, the partnership of various cultural organizations in Framingham.

Bill Collins was a former member of Framingham Cultural Council. He designed the logo used by the FCC on its letterhead and other publications. He also provided art work and designs for our Annual Awards event. As a volunteer in Framingham, Bill designed a variety of logos, posters, and other materials for individuals, and for government, cultural and civic groups. He was a graphic artist and Art Director for a large corporation for over 30 years before he retired. Bill belonged to the Framingham Artists Guild and was a painter and fine artist. His work was shown regularly at Guild exhibitions, at the Danforth Museum of Art, the Framingham Library and local galleries. Bill was a dedicated volunteer assistant to Hemenway Elementary School art teachers. He loved all forms of the arts. His other passions were old movies, music from the 40's and 50's, and a set or two of tennis which occupied his time away from the easel.

### **Recipient Requirements**

The applicant must be:

- currently attending a high school in Framingham as a senior.  
(Framingham High School, Marian High School, Keefe Technical High School, Sudbury Valley School, Learning Center for the Deaf, or other)
- seeking higher education majoring in the arts.

In addition, the applicant must have created a work in the area of visual arts, performing arts, or language arts within the previous 24 months. Examples are painting, sculpture, photography, videography, poetry, short story, novel, play, musical composition, or dance choreography.

### **Application (All materials are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

1. A completed application form (indicating where the student is seeking higher education majoring in the arts)
2. A one page essay (typed and double spaced) describing yourself, your demonstrated interest in a field of the arts, and your community activities.
3. A representation of a piece of art you created in the past 24 months. This can be provided on paper or on electronic media. The item must be titled and described on the application. The represented art work will not be returned and will be used to promote the scholarship.
4. A letter of reference (not from a family member) mailed directly to the Cultural Council.

### **Notes**

1. The criteria for selection will be based on the originality, creativity, uniqueness, skill, or human interest of the art work provided and the student's essay.
2. Based on the funding available, a scholarship will be at least \$1000.
3. The recipient is expected to use the funds within 12 months of the award to further the recipient's education in the arts.
4. The recipient of the scholarship will be notified by the end of April.
5. The award will be presented at the Framingham Cultural Council Awards Reception and the recipient is expected to attend this event. The recipient may also be recognized at a High School Awards Ceremony.

