P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship

Scholarship Background
In keeping with the goals of renowned artist P. Buckley Moss, who struggled with dyslexia during her school years, this scholarship represents her dedication to young people who have learning differences and have aspirations for a career in the visual arts.

The P. Buckley Moss Society established this endowed scholarship in 2006 with an initial donation of $20,000, and it was first awarded in 2007. The P. Buckley Moss Society was established by Moss collectors in 1987 to foster an awareness of the art of P. Buckley Moss and to promote charitable endeavors consistent with her ideals. To learn more about the P. Buckley Moss Society please visit http://mosssociety.org.

The P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship provides up to $1,000.00 financial award annually to one graduating high school senior who plans a career in the visual arts. Awards are sent directly to the college to be applied towards tuition. The scholarship may be renewed for up to three consecutive years based on eligibility. The amount of the award may vary from year to year.

Scholarship Acceptance Period and Deadline
P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship Application acceptance period is January 1-March 31. Application deadline is March 31.

Applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered for the Scholarship:
1. Verified language-related learning difference
2. Graduating High school senior
3. Verified financial need
4. Acceptance to an accredited four-year college or university or two-year community college in the United States.
5. Pursuing a career in a visual arts field with art classes taken each semester

Verified language-related Learning Difference This scholarship focuses on students with language related learning differences. Learning differences are defined as disabilities in specific language processing, including but not limited to dyslexia, written expression, reading comprehension, central auditory processing, visual perception, word recognition, and sequencing. Verification of such diagnosis must be provided by a case manager or counselor. Students with ADD or ADHD alone are not eligible.

Verified Financial Need Submit parents’ most recent 1040 tax form.

Acceptance of accredited four-year college or university or two-year community college Applicant to attend accredited four-year college or university or two-year community college in the United States.

Pursuing a career in a visual arts field with art classes taken each semester Visual arts is defined as art forms that create works which are primarily visual in nature, such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, architecture, printmaking, and photography. Students in the performing arts are not eligible for this scholarship. Performing arts include dance, music, opera, drama, spoken word and circus arts. Filmmaking is only allowed if the student was the main creative force behind the project, such as the director. If the student was acting in someone else’s film, they are not eligible. Applied arts are also not eligible. Applied arts include industrial design, graphic design, fashion design, and interior design.
About the Endowment
The P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children’s Education manages the endowment. Board members from the Moss Foundation will select the final recipient. All personal information provided by an applicant is confidential. The selection committee reserves the right not to award a scholarship in a year when a suitable candidate is not found.

Application Requirements and Checklist of items to be provided
Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, and all materials for each applicant must be included in one mailing. The application is to be sent to P. Buckley Moss Foundation, 74 Poplar Grove Lane, Mathews, VA 23109.

☐ 4 copies of the completed P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship Application Form.
☐ For language-related learning disability verification - Provide a letter (maximum two pages) from your case manager or counselor which details diagnostic information and progress. Do not send an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
☐ High school transcript - unofficial.
☐ Provide 2 letters of recommendation; one from a faculty member at your school and the other one from a person who knows you outside of the school setting, who is not a relative.
☐ For Financial Need Verification – Provide parents’ most recent 1040 tax form. Please cross out social security number.
☐ Provide printed portfolio consisting of 4 to 6 photos of visual art projects.
☐ Provide essay responses to the following three questions (be specific and convincing):
   1. Select three words that best describe you, and provide evidence and examples of these qualities.
   2. Explain your specific learning disability, how it has challenged you, specific strategies you have used to cope, and the effects it has had on your life.
   3. Where do you intend to go to school and why there? How do you plan to use your artistic talent? (What do you see yourself doing in 10 years with your art?)
☐ Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from your college.

Send Completed Application(s) to:
P Buckley Moss Foundation for Children’s Education
74 Poplar Grove Lane
Mathews, VA 23109

For Inquiries:
foundation@mossfoundation.org
800-430-1320

To Make a Donation:
Donations to the endowment can be made to the P Buckley Moss Foundation. The P Buckley Moss Foundation is a certified 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, and all donations to the Scholarship Fund may be tax deductible. Please note on your check that the funds are for this Endowment.
P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship Application Form

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________________ Date: ___________________

Address, City, State, Zip: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________________________

Name of Parents or Guardian: ____________________________________________________________

Father’s Occupation: ____________________________Mother’s Occupation: ______________________

Names & ages of brothers or sisters: ________________________________________________________

IMPORTANT: Please submit 4 completed applications in the order listed below. You will need to include the ORIGINAL form with 3 additional copies. We do not accept CD's (audio/video) or web links. You need to print out photographs. Zip drives are acceptable as long as there is 1 for each application copy.

☐ Verification of a language-related learning disability. Provide a letter (maximum two pages) from your case manager or counselor which details diagnostic information and progress. Do not send an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

☐ High school transcript – (unofficial)

☐ Provide a copy of the acceptance letter from your college.

☐ Two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member at your school and the other from someone who knows you outside of the school setting (not from a relative).

☐ Evidence of financial need, submit parents’ most recent 1040 tax form. Please cross out social security number.

☐ Portfolio consisting of 4 to 6 photos of visual art projects

☐ Essay responses to the following three questions (be specific and convincing) Please limit responses to 100 words per question.

1. Select three words that best describe you and provide evidence and examples of these qualities.

2. Explain your specific learning disability, how it has challenged you, specific strategies you have used to cope, and the effects it has had on your life.

3. Where do you intend to go to school and why there? How do you plan to use your artistic talent? (What do you see yourself doing in 10 years with your art?)

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

Incomplete means any of the items listed are not included in one envelope of information. Make sure there are four (4) completely assembled applications in the above listed order. If you have questions, please contact the Foundation office at foundation@mossfoundation.org, or call 800-430-1320.

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APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31st.
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