**2020**

**LAURA GREENSTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**OVERVIEW, DIRECTIONS, APPLICATION**

The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donors provide a number of scholarships annually which are presented or publically announced at a special ceremony during the AATA Annual Conference. The scholarships are intended to reward excellence within the student body and profession. The scholarship awards process is highly competitive.

This award honors the memory of art therapist Laura Greenstone in her request for the establishment of a scholarship to support masters-level African-American and Afro-Caribbean art therapy students. Through the establishment of this scholarship, Laura hoped to address the legacy of racial violence in the United States by furthering a diversified art therapy profession and serving very diverse communities in inclusive ways.

This scholarship is available to an AATA student member who can demonstrate acceptance or enrollment in a graduate art therapy program, identifies as being African-American and/or Afro-Caribbean, and can demonstrate support to under-served communities. The student application will be completed in alignment with the AATA Code of Ethics, Responsibility to the Profession, Section 10, in that the application is a truthful representation of self and identity.

**APPLICATION DIRECTIONS**

Scholarship award applicants must be current members of the American Art Therapy Association. All applications, with full attachments must be received by **May 1, 2020**. Students applying for awards must be enrolled for fall 2020 classes in a **Graduate Art Therapy Program**. Student applicants must be first or second year students (for the upcoming term of fall 2020), and if part-time, enrolled in 3 courses for the fall academic term. Enrollment in 2 courses will be considered based on the graduate school's typical plan of study and at the discretion of the scholarship working group. **Awards are granted only to active *Student* members of the Association.** Attendance at the Association’s Annual Conference, where the awards will be given, is strongly encouraged.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNT**

Scholarships are determined each year through the Association’s annual budget process. In 2020, The Laura Greenstone Scholarship will be funded to a maximum amount of $1000.00.

**DEADLINE**

**May 1, 2020** is the deadline for applying for the Laura Greenstone Memorial Scholarship. All applications, including all attachments, must be mailed or e-mailed to the address listed below and received in office by the deadline. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

**DATE AWARDED**

Scholarships are announced each year at the American Art Therapy Association Annual Conference Awards ceremony. Recipients will be notified in June about the decision on their application.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:**

* **APPLICATION FORM**

A completed Laura Greenstone Memorial Scholarship application form must be submitted (found on the next page).

* **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

The official academic transcript indicating the most recent university enrollment and attendance must be included with the application. Transcripts must be sent to the Association directly from the respective University or by the applicant in an unopened, official University envelope that has been sealed by the University. Be sure to allow sufficient time for the transcript request from your University to be included with the Application. No exceptions to this policy will be permitted. Mark “Transcript” and the name of the Applicant on the outside of the sealed envelope.

*\*If you have already applied to AATA scholarships earlier this year, please indicate in your application materials that we should use a previously submitted official transcript.*

* **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Two (2) academic or work-related signed letters of recommendation must be received in the application package. These letters should not be sent separately from the application package as they may not arrive by the deadline and the letter may be confused with other applications. The letters should be on the letterhead of the institution they represent and the contact of the reference should be included.

* **FINANCIAL FORM**

The applicant’s Financial Form should be included in the Application Package. The [Financial](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/ARTTHERAPY/1c784f0f-1d88-4d79-9a2d-80c98808dc63/UploadedImages/2020_-_Financial_Form_for_Scholarships.docx) Form is located in the members’ only section of the website and it must be completed as indicated on the form.

*\*If you have already applied to AATA scholarships earlier this year, please indicate in your application materials that we should use a previously submitted official financial form.*

* **ESSAY**

One (1) essay, limited to two (2) double spaced typed pages, must include a statement that addresses all criteria listed below. Incomplete essays will not be eligible. Your full name, mailing address, and the program and institution that you are attending should be included at the top of the essay.

* 1. Explain how you have demonstrated commitment or intent to work with communities of color.
  2. Include information on how you might have mentored others in your community, perhaps in high school, college, or the workplace.
  3. Provide details of how you have worked collaboratively within AATA and its chapters on state and federal advocacy goals.
* **PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE OR ENROLLMENT**

Documentation indicating acceptance or enrollment in a graduate art therapy program must be included with the application. This must be in the form of an acceptance letter or proof of enrollment in classes for the upcoming semester. This information must be gathered by the student and included with the application packet that is sent via e-mail or mail.

*\*If you have already applied to AATA scholarships earlier this year, please indicate in your application materials that we should use a previously submitted proof of acceptance or enrollment.*

# 2020 LAURA GREENSTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

# SECTION I: APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION *(Please Type or Print)*

**Name: \_**

**Address: \_**

### **City:** **State/Province Zip:** **:**

### **Home Phone:** **Cell Phone:** \_

### **E-mail Address:** \_

**SECTION II: EDUCATION INFORMATION *(Please Type or Print)***

**Graduate Level Program**

**Name of Graduate Level Program:**  \_

**Institution:**  \_

**Matriculation Date:** **Graduation Date:**  \_

**SECTION III: PLANS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE *(Please Check Applicable Boxes)***

**Yes,**  I plan to attend the Annual Conference. **No,**  I am unable to attend the Annual Conference.

**I would like to sign up to volunteer for the Open Arts Studio and/or as a proctor at the Annual Conference:**

Yes  No

**SECTION IV: TRANSCRIPT, FINANCIAL AID FORM, PROOF OF ENROLLMENT *(Please Select One Box)***

Use the Official Transcript, Financial Aid Form, and Proof of Acceptance or Enrollment submitted with my

previous scholarship application.  *OR*

My Official Transcript, Financial Aid Form, and Proof of Acceptance or Enrollment are included here.

**SECTION V: SIGNATURE & DATE**

**I verify the accuracy of the above information:**

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*(Type your electronic signature or sign above) (Date)*

**COMPLETE APPLICATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2020.**

**SEND COMPLETE PACKETS via MAIL OR E-MAIL:**

### **MAIL: American Art Therapy Association, Attn: 2020 Scholarship Application**

### **4875 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 240, Alexandria, VA 22304**

**E-MAIL: info@arttherapy.org**

\*\*When submitting applications via e-mail, please combine your application and supporting documentation into one attachment instead of several individual attachments.

Questions may be directed to the National Office: info@arttherapy.org