



## P. Buckley Moss Foundation

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## P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship

Application acceptance period is January 1-March 31  
***Application deadline March 31.***

The P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship is an up-to **\$1,000.00** financial award given annually to one high school senior with a verified financial need, a verified language-related learning difference, visual arts talent, acceptance to an accredited four-year college or university or two-year community college, and has the intent to pursue a career in a visual arts field. Art classes must be taken each semester to continue the award renewal. The amount of the award varies from year to year, because it is based on interest earned on the funds in the account.

This scholarship focuses on students with language-related learning differences. 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. Deaf and blind students are not eligible for this scholarship. Students with ADD or ADHD alone are not eligible. This focus helps in being able to assess the student's disabilities and how they have dealt with them.

The visual arts are 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 projects; 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.

The P. Buckley Moss Foundation for Children's Education manages the endowment. Designees from the Moss Foundation, the Moss Society, and Pat or her designee select the final recipient.

### 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 disabilities and are aspiring towards 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 was first awarded in 2007.

Pat attended Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City. Established in 1859, Cooper Union is the only private, full-scholarship college in the United States dedicated exclusively to preparing students for the professions of art, architecture, and engineering.

### About the Endowment

Donations to the endowment must 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 are tax deductible. Please note on your check that the funds are for this Endowment.

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**Nominations for all P. Buckley Moss Scholarships can be made only by members of the P. Buckley Moss Society. Applications are not valid without a nomination by a Society member. *Students who do not know a Society member should email or call the Foundation Office.***

All information provided by a nominee will be confidential.

The selection committee(s) reserves the right not to award any scholarship in a year when a suitable candidate is not nominated. In that case, the funds for the scholarship for that year can be carried over and applied to a scholarship awarded in the following year.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, and all materials for each applicant must be included in one mailing. Applications are to be sent to the P. Buckley Moss Foundation office.

### Application Requirements

- **Nomination by a P. Buckley Moss Society member** (brief letter from nominator stating relationship is optional). Please list only one nominator.
- **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.**
- **Evidence of financial need;** please submit parents' most recent 1040 tax form.
- **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).
- **Portfolio consisting of 4 to 6 photos** of visual art projects.
- **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? (e.g., What do you see yourself doing in 10 years with your art?)

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name and signature of P. Buckley Moss Society member making nomination:

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have questions about obtaining a Moss Society nomination or other criteria, please contact us.)

**IMPORTANT:** Please submit an **ORIGINAL** completed application form **PLUS** four (4) **additional separate copies** of original in the **order listed** below. We do not accept CD's Audio/Videos or web links, you need to print out as photographs. Zip drives are acceptable. (*[i.e., 5 complete applications, in the order listed below.](#)*)

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### INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED

Incomplete meaning any of the items listed not included in one envelope of information. ***Make sure there are five (5) completely assembled applications in the above listed order.*** If you have questions, please email or call the Foundation Office.

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**APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31st.**