



The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center Scholarship

To annually recognize a high school student residing in Old Saybrook who has demonstrated participation in and an appreciation for the arts (performance, visual, or literary arts).

The scholarship is presented by the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center (the Kate) in honor of its 12-time Oscar-nominated, four-time Oscar-winning namesake, Katharine Hepburn. One of Old Saybrook's most celebrated residents, Miss Hepburn is also known as one of America's most iconic actresses. In her youth, she was an avid athlete and fan of movies. During her time studying at Bryn Mawr College, she developed a love for acting and decided to pursue a theatrical career. With many Hollywood movies and roles on Broadway in her repertoire, she retired to Old Saybrook where she continued swimming and golfing, as well as painting. She was also well known for her brownies! *We encourage you to learn more about Katharine Hepburn by visiting the **Katharine Hepburn Museum** at the Kate or watching the [virtual exhibit](#).*

This scholarship award honors Miss Hepburn's diverse interests and her independent and spirited approach to life. ***The award is a \$4,000 scholarship to be used to further one's study in an area of interest at a college, trade school, or formal training program.*** One scholarship is awarded each year and will be presented at the recipient's school awards ceremony. The scholarship will be provided as payments of \$1,000 per year for four years.

Eligibility:

- Resident of Old Saybrook, CT
- High school senior on track toward graduation or equivalent

Application Checklist:

- [Completed online application form](#). If you are not able to access this as a Google Form, please contact marisa.calvi-rogers@thekate.org for a PDF version.
- Copy of most recent transcript.
- Brief essay of no more than 500 words demonstrating participation in and an appreciation for the arts, including current activities. Please articulate your artistic influence and how you have shared your artistic talents/interests with the community.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Interview with Scholarship Committee.

Award recipients may be invited to participate in photo opportunities or other congratulatory events at the Kate.

Award recipients will be required to submit a brief written (email is allowable) progress report by the end of each academic year prior to receiving the subsequent year's funding.

Deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024.