

## Wentzville Parks & Recreation Fire Hydrant Scholarship

### Purpose

The City of Wentzville Parks & Recreation Department and Water Division is offering a scholarship in recognition of art and water conservation to assist deserving high-school seniors who intend to pursue higher education at an accredited community college, four-year college or university.

### Amount of Scholarship

The scholarship amounts to be awarded will be:

- \$750 to a Holt High School Senior
- \$750 to a Timberland High School Senior
- \$750 to a Liberty High School Senior
- \$750 to a North Point High School Senior
- \$750 to a High School Senior enrolled in a private school or homeschool program

### Criteria for Selection

1. Each year a contest theme will be chosen by Wentzville's Arts & Programs Committee. Once the theme is approved, the College and Career Planning Coordinator will be notified and published in the Fun Times.

#### **2023 Theme:** Future Dreams

2. A drawing of each student's entry will be presented to the school's Art Department for consideration. Each Art Department will use their own discretion when choosing three participants from each school. The Art Departments will establish their own timeline and deadline for submissions and selections; however, all projects must be completed in their entirety by April 3 for pick-up beginning on April 7.
3. Entries submitted from Wentzville resident students enrolled at a private school or in a home-school program should be submitted to [fun@wentzvillemo.org](mailto:fun@wentzvillemo.org) by **February 1**. These designs will be reviewed and selected by the City of Wentzville's Arts & Programs Committee based upon artistic ability and quality. Painting must be completed and dried by **April 3**.
4. Three fire hydrants will be delivered to each school in February of that contest year. Fire hydrants for students of a private school or home-school program will be delivered to Progress Park where they will have access to paint them.
5. Hydrants will be picked up the first week of April (April 4-8) and put on display by April 22 at the Water Control Building located at 802 E. Pearce Blvd. They will remain on display during the month of April and beginning of May. From May 19-21 they will be displayed at the annual Wentzville Days Festival. At the

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of Wentzville Days, the fire hydrants will be displayed in Historic Downtown Wentzville until November.

## Judging

One representative from each of the following City Departments will rate the hydrants. One winner from each high school is determined from that scoring system.

- Mayor
- Communications Division
- Economic Development Division
- Parks & Recreation Communications Division
- Arts & Programs Committee
- Crossroads Arts Council
- Water Department

**Note:** A second-place winner will also be determined in the event that the winner does not meet the college enrollment guidelines.

## In lieu of a Tiebreaker

In the event there is a tie between two students from the same high-school then the \$750 Scholarship will be divided equally between both winners.

## College Enrollment Guidelines

The winning student will need to contact the City Finance Department with the name of the university or college they will be attending and a student account number so that the scholarship check may be sent directly to the University of the student's choice.

The first-place winner has until July 15 of the contest year to enroll into an acceptable university or college. If the student has not enrolled by July 15, then the scholarship will be presented to the second-place winner.

## General Notes

A scholarship certificate will be presented to each winner by the Mayor or his designee at each high school's Senior Awards Night.

The winners and Art Directors will be notified and invited to have their picture taken with the fire hydrants for the article to be shared with local media. Fire Hydrants must stay on school property when they are dropped off. If moved from school property, that fire hydrant and student may be disqualified from the contest. Fire Hydrants assigned to students enrolled in a private school or home-school program must remain at Progress Park Recreation Center.

Incomplete hydrants will not be eligible for the scholarship. In the event that the competition must be suspended for any reason, participants will not be eligible for any scholarship funds. Any expense or time for the fire hydrant contest is at the students expense and there will be no reimbursement of expenses.

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