



Guild School Scholarship Program

Held at the
Maine Maritime Academy
Castine, Maine
for one week
each year in June



We are pleased that you have expressed an interest in attending the Guild School by applying for one of our scholarships. The Guild School, sponsored by the International Guild of Miniature Artisans (IGMA), established its Scholarship Program in 1985 with the first scholarship recipients attending the 1986 Guild School. Each year since then, scholarships have been awarded to deserving miniaturists.

A full-tuition scholarship is currently valued at \$2100 and pays for 36 hours of instruction including room and board for the entire school week. Recipients must provide their own transportation and assume any other expenses incurred such as materials fees for classes (typically \$20-\$300) and evening seminars (typically 0-\$50). In addition, the recipients receive a one-year IGMA membership valued at \$50.

The source of funding for the Scholarship Program comes from various fundraising efforts held during the school week. The major event is the Live Auction. The scholarship provides a wonderful opportunity for individuals who appreciate, and wish to learn more about creating, fine miniatures. Through the Scholarship Program, the Guild School can quite possibly become a reality for you...a friend...or a relative.

SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applicants need not be members of IGMA.

Applicants may not be an IGMA board member or employee of the Guild.

Applicants do not have to live in the U.S., nor be citizens of the U.S.

The International Guild of Miniature Artisans is committed to the perpetuation and improvement of miniatures. Scholarships are primarily intended to make the Guild School experience available to students who might otherwise not be able to attend due to financial constraints. Scholarship applicants are evaluated on how their attendance at the Guild School could potentially contribute to:

- 1) the furtherance of miniatures as an art form and the raising of standards (including, but not limited to - adherence to scale and proportions, fine workmanship, historical accuracy, etc.) in the creation of miniatures;
- 2) the quality of the applicant's work and the degree to which the curriculum offered by the school would expand or enhance the applicant's skills and areas of interest;
- 3) the dissemination of knowledge, enthusiasm, and skills to miniaturists within a local context, as well as around the world, by teaching, writing, posting on social media, exhibiting or other forms of sharing, both past and in the future; and
- 4) the degree to which the applicant needs financial assistance for school expenses and how important attending the Guild School would be to them (fiscal priorities).

Applications in a given year will be ranked against the above criteria by the Scholarship Committee. The Guild School Director will determine the number of scholarships that can be supported in that year. That number of the top ranked applicants will be awarded a scholarship.

Please send Application, Photos and Recommendations via email

by now through August 1, 2025 to:

The Guild School Scholarship Program
Peggy Bugg, Chairperson

peggy.bugg@gmail.com
608-257-7453

All information contained in the application will be held in confidence by the Scholarship Committee and the School Director. Their decisions will be final. Letters of notification will be sent to all applicants on or before the first week of October.

Guild School Scholarship Application

Due August 1, 2025 for the Guild School 2026

Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Number/Ages of Dependents _____ Date of Birth _____

Your Occupation _____ Spouse/Partner's Occupation _____

Annual Household Income, including Spouse/Partner _____

How did you hear about the Scholarship? (check all that apply) web/social media mail show friend ad

Have you attended Guild School in the past? Yes No If yes, when? _____

• SCHOLARSHIP RATIONALE •

1. Explain any financial circumstances that would prevent you from attending the Guild School without the benefit of a scholarship.
2. What transportation costs do you anticipate incurring if you were to attend the school? Although we cannot provide financial assistance for transportation, these costs will be considered in determining need.

• SKILL/ABILITY •

3. What is/are your area(s) of interest? Describe the various media with which you work.
4. How would you rate your level of expertise in that/those area(s)?
5. What skills or techniques do you hope to learn at the Guild School?

• **INVOLVEMENT/COMMITMENT/CONTRIBUTION** •

6. How long have you been involved in miniatures or related art forms?
7. In what way have you been involved in the field of miniatures? Please include such things as volunteer/community work, club/organization affiliation, teaching experience, commercial/selling experience, participation in exhibits/displays.
8. Please list any classes or workshops that you have taken to improve your skills.
9. How would you plan to help disseminate knowledge and skills to miniature enthusiasts in your area and around the world?

SUBMISSIONS

Via Email: Scan the completed application and recommendation form and send it in PDF format (ONLY) via email to the committee chairperson. Send each photo via email as a JPG, in a small, screen-viewing format – low resolution (72 dots per inch/dpi) and no bigger than 6". Please send all email documents at the same time.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Not more than eight (8) photographs of your miniature work, within the last three years, **must be included with this application.** Please include with each photo a short description, date of completion, and scale. Indicate if the piece is your design, or worked from someone else's plan. **Do not include class projects or pieces made from a kit.** It is preferable to submit close-ups of individual pieces so that the committee can examine the craftsmanship that went into your work. If you submit photos of room settings, please be sure to indicate which pieces are your own work. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A GOOD QUALITY COLOR PHOTO ENABLES THE COMMITTEE TO BETTER EVALUATE YOUR WORK AND POTENTIAL.**

RECOMMENDATION

Ask someone, who is familiar with your work and your involvement with miniatures, to fill out the enclosed Recommendation Form. Please send no more than three references. Remind your reference that the form must be returned via email no later than August 1st.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A GOOD THING

It's really quite simple...just remember:

- ✓ Complete the application form
- ✓ Include photos
- ✓ Email electronically by August 1st
- ✓ Make sure your reference(s) completes the recommendation form and emails it by August 1st

*[Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
ALL questions need to be answered to be considered a complete application.]*

All of the above information is accurate and up to date:

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

The Guild School Scholarship Program Recommendation Form

Fill out this form and return via email no later than August 1st to:

The Guild School Scholarship Program
Peggy Bugg, Chairperson

peggy.bugg@gmail.com
608-257-7453

Each year during June, the International Guild of Miniature Artisans assembles a faculty of unusually talented master teachers and a group of enthusiastic (adult) students from all over the world, for a week-long miniature art school, held at the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine. It has become known as the Guild School. The Guild School established a Scholarship Program in 1985, and since then, has awarded several full-tuition scholarships yearly to miniaturists who might otherwise not be able to attend the school. It is a wonderful opportunity for miniaturists who appreciate fine miniatures and wish to learn more about creating them.

When applying for a scholarship each applicant must include a reference in order to be considered for this award. It would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee if you would answer the following questions. We certainly appreciate your time and thoughtfulness.

The scholarship applicant will not be considered for a scholarship without this completed recommendation form.

Scholarship Applicant's Name _____

Your Name _____ Date _____

Your Full Address _____

Your Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

(When answering the following questions, use the other side or a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

1. What is your relationship to the applicant...teacher, collector, shop owner, etc.?
2. What is your personal/professional involvement in the field of miniatures?
3. What are the applicant's main areas of interest in miniatures?
4. How do you think the applicant would benefit from attending the Guild School?
5. How would you rate the applicant's degree of expertise and creativity?
6. Other comments you wish to make about the applicant that would be helpful to the committee.