

Jack E. Kannan Arts Education Scholarship

The Jack E. Kannan Arts Education Scholarship was established to recognize high school seniors who exhibit characteristics and values possessed by the 2022-2024 Arts Council of Wayne County's Executive Director Jack E. Kannan. **The Scholarship, supported by his family, friends and the Arts Council of Wayne County, will award an annual scholarship of \$1,000 to a deserving student who has exemplified the traits of Jack E. Kannan.**

Hailing from Goldsboro, North Carolina, Jack E. Kannan's journey epitomizes dedication to community service and a fervent commitment to education. Raised in a family that instilled values of responsibility and self-confidence, Jack excelled in academics and sports during his formative years.

A standout athlete in football, wrestling, and track, Jack's high school years were marked by an undefeated streak in the 147 lb wrestling class and the coveted title of weightlifting champion at Goldsboro High School in 1962. Despite the demands of sports, Jack worked until late to support his family, showcasing both his athletic prowess and an unwavering sense of responsibility.

Post-graduation in 1962, Jack's path led him to the military, where he served in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Returning to civilian life, he earned a BA in Psychology from Mt. Olive College and East Carolina University in 1971. His professional journey began at the Wayne County Boys Club, where he pioneered new sports programs and scouting opportunities for local youth.

Subsequent roles at Wayne Community College, Dewey Brothers, and Borden Manufacturing Company saw Jack implement innovative workforce initiatives, education incentive programs, and corporate health initiatives. However, it was his role as Executive Director of the Wayne Community College Foundation from 1996 to 2015 that became his passion. Under his leadership, the Foundation raised over \$10 million, providing scholarships to thousands of students and establishing the George E. Wilson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Jack's civic leadership extended across Goldsboro, contributing to organizations like the Optimist Club, Boy Scouts Tuscarora Council, and the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. Recognized with awards such as the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, and Exchange Club's Golden Deeds Award, Jack's impact on the community is profound.

Jack E. Kannan's life is a testament to the transformative power of education, community engagement, and a purpose-driven existence. His commitment to community service transcends retirement, exemplified by his recent involvement with the Arts Council. After retiring in 2015, Jack's dedication to civic duty led him to lend a helping hand to the struggling Arts Council, guiding it back to its esteemed status as a renowned nonprofit. Drawing upon his vast experience in leadership roles, Jack applied his strategic acumen to revitalize the organization,

ensuring it once again thrived as a cultural cornerstone within the community. His selfless commitment to the Arts Council reflects a lifelong ethos of service, demonstrating that even in retirement, Jack E. Kannan remains a driving force for positive change.

Students interested in applying for the Jack E. Kannan Scholarship should have a strong academic record, leadership skills, a history of participation in the arts, and evidence of financial need. They should provide the following information:

- Completed Application
- High School Transcript
- Resume of extracurricular activities, community service, and leadership positions.
- Essay that describes how the student exemplifies the spirit of Jack E. Kannan with regard to academic record, artistic merit, financial need, and resilience.
- Two letters of recommendation.

The deadline for submitting completed applications and supporting materials to the Arts Council of Wayne County is April 17th by 11:59 at night. School counselors may submit on your behalf.

You may submit by mail, in person, or by email to:

Mail:

**Arts Council of Wayne County
PO Box 1657
Goldsboro NC, 27533**

In Person:

**139-101 West Walnut Street
Goldsboro NC, 27530**

Email:

**Anna Hinson
Executive Director
anna@artsinwayne.org**

List all dependents in your family, including yourself, in chronological order.

First Name	Age/Grade in School	Do they live at home?	Are they in college?

This section is to be filled out by your Counselor only.

<p>Scholastic Information:</p> <p>Weighted GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ in a class of _____ seniors.</p> <p>Test scores:</p> <p>SAT Evidence-based Reading/Writing _____ (scale of 800)</p> <p>SAT Math _____ (scale of 800)</p> <p>ACT Composite score: _____ (scale of 36)</p> <p>Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____</p>
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The scholarship recipient acknowledges that the funds awarded are intended specifically for the purpose of covering the costs associated with pursuing a major in the arts at an accredited college or university. The recipient agrees to utilize the scholarship funds exclusively for tuition, fees, books, and other legitimate educational expenses directly related to their chosen arts major.

In the event that the recipient fails to adhere to the stipulated condition of utilizing the scholarship for the intended purpose, including a major in the arts, the recipient shall be deemed in breach of the scholarship agreement. Consequently, the recipient will be

required to repay the entire scholarship amount in accordance with the terms outlined in the scholarship contract. Repayment shall commence promptly upon notification of the breach, and the scholarship recipient shall be responsible for the full reimbursement of the scholarship funds disbursed.

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and I agree to the above payment clause complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Checklist:

_____ Completed application

_____ Resume of extracurricular activities, community involvement, and leadership positions.

_____ Essay that describes how the student exemplifies the spirit of Jack E. Kannan with regard to academic record, artistic merit, financial need, and resilience.

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_____ Optional: Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA, in lieu of completing the financial information questions

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