Bernice C. Thomas Scholarship

Description
The Department of Art and Art History awards the Bernice C. Thomas Scholarship to a student majoring in Art or Art History. Mr. Cleophus Thomas, Jr., and Dr. Carla N. Thomas have made generous gifts for the purpose of creating an endowed scholarship in honor of the life and legacy of Ms. Bernice C. Thomas at UAB. The scholarship fund is to assist deserving students, from under-represented, low-income, and minority populations whose enrollment would further the University's compliance with its court-imposed remedial obligation to diversify its student body, in the Department of Art and Art History in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students are encouraged to seek advice from a faculty member.

Application deadline: first Wednesday of February

Requirements
1. Completed Department Scholarship Application Form.
2. A representative portfolio of writing including at least two papers on art historical subjects and/or a representative portfolio (minimum of 10 and up to 15 images). Portfolio details are found on the application form.

Rules governing the award and tenure of the scholarship
1. The applicant must demonstrate significant academic and artistic promise and must maintain a strong academic record.
2. The faculty of the Department of Art and Art History will choose the Thomas Scholar. If there is no applicant who is qualified in the judgment of the faculty, no scholarship will be awarded that year.
3. To the extent permitted by law permitted by law, priority of consideration shall be given to applicants from under represented, low-income, and minority populations whose enrollment would enhance the diversity of the student population of the University's Department of Art and Art History.
4. The Thomas Scholar must be a full-time student registered for at least twelve semester hours in the term for which the scholarship is paid. A student using the award in the summer must be registered for 9 semester hours.
5. If the Scholar withdraws in a term for which the Scholar receives a stipend, or fails to maintain a "B" average, any balance of the Scholarship will not be paid.
6. Recipients of the scholarship are eligible to apply for the award in subsequent years as long as they maintain and overall 3.0 GPA and maintain fulltime enrollment status.