

Martia and Louis Smith Memorial Art Scholarship

A Northland Pioneer College scholarship for the **2026-2027** school year, in the amount of **\$1,500.00** per semester; **\$3,000.00** per academic year.

Martia A. Smith was an artist and scholar who served as an instructor and major contributor to NPC's art program. Her husband, **Louis Smith**, established this scholarship, which honors her memory each year by awarding a full scholarship to a highly motivated, academically and artistically talented student. Louis Smith passed away December 12, 2020. His name was added to the scholarship, an homage to all he has done for the students of Northland Pioneer College through the establishment of this fund.

Qualifications:

Students *applying* for the Martia and Louis Smith Memorial Art Scholarship must

- Develop and complete a degree plan (See Academic Advisor)
- Demonstrate an affinity for creating artwork
- Possess competent writing skills
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Students *awarded* the Martia and Louis Smith Memorial Art Scholarship must

- Attend NPC full time (12 cr. hrs per sem) during the 2026-2027 academic year
- Enroll in at least one (3 credit) art class during the 2026-2027 academic year

This scholarship is merit based and financial need is not a requirement. Students need not be art majors.

Application Material:

- A completed application form (Fillable pdf)
- 3-5 examples of your artistic work as digital images. Label each image with your first initial, last name and image number. (example: jsmith1.jpg). Here's a link to a Youtube video about suggestions for how to best photograph artwork:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q40if1ecyB0>

- A two-page (1000 word) essay that addresses the applicant's specific interests in art and why they believe that art is important in society.

The deadline for submitting application materials is Friday, February 20, 2026

All Application Materials must be emailed to:

Magda Gluszek, Department of Fine and Performing Arts at magda.gluszek@npc.edu

English faculty will evaluate the essay content and two members of the Fine Art faculty will evaluate the artwork. A personal interview may also be used to determine the recipient of the award.

The Exhibition: There will be an exhibition of the artwork during the Annual NPC Juried Student Art Show and an artist reception at the Talon Gallery in the Aspen Center on the White Mountain Campus in Show Low, AZ. Three examples of the scholarship awardee's artwork must be available for display in the exhibition. The physical artworks must be received by the gallery director no later than **April 3**. Contact magda.gluszek@npc.edu with any questions about this requirement.

Exhibition: April 13 - May 1, 2026, Talon Art Gallery, White Mountain Campus (Show Low)

Artist Reception: May 1, 2026, 4 - 7PM, Talon Art Gallery, White Mountain Campus (Show Low)

Friends and family members are encouraged to attend!

Martia and Louis Smith Memorial Art Scholarship Entry Form:

Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Permanent Mailing
Address: _____
 Address *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: _____ NPC Student ID _____

Email _____

Intended College Major: _____ Minor: _____

Degree or Certificate sought at NPC: _____

Career Choice: _____

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct and complete.

_____ *Applicant Signature* _____ *Date*

Questions? Please contact:

Magda Gluszek: magda.gluszek@npc.edu, 928-532-6176

Peterson Yazzie: peterson.yazzie@npc.edu, 928-524-7364

Name of Artist: _____

Artwork Entries:

Image 1

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Image 2

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Image 3

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Image 4

Title: _____

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Size: _____

Image 5

Title: _____

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Size: _____