

THE SAM WALKER SCHOLARSHIP

The Sam Walker Scholarship Fund was created in 1999 by the family of Sam Walker, Associate Professor of Studio Art, at his request, to support art majors in the Art Department at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. In addition to support for tuition and fees, the funds may be used “to help an art major mount a final exhibition, travel for a senior to do thesis research, or take on an art project that they would not allow themselves to consider or otherwise be able to afford.” The endowment of the fund in 1999-2000 reflects the contributions of his family, as well as many friends and colleagues.

An artist, Sam Walker taught printmaking and drawing at UMass Boston between 1993 and 1999. He served the University community both in his department, where he helped coordinate student exhibitions and internships, and University-wide. His own work, in photo etching and painting, was concerned with language, memory, and the visual signs of every day life, and was both intellectual and formal. His work is included in the collections of Harvard University’s Houghton Library, the Addison Gallery of American Art, and the Boston Public Library, among others.

During his appointment at the University, he was inspired by the way his students managed work, family and study. As a teacher, he often told his students to find what they loved and “figure out how to get someone to pay you to do it.” This scholarship supports students’ pursuit of the making and study of art, courses of study that he knew often seemed impractical or without tangible benefit, and likely to be put aside for more “economical” pursuits.

AWARDS AVAILABLE

- 1) Tuition and fees for an art major.
- 2) Funding to support independent projects
 - a) Studio-materials and other expenses for an honors exhibition or any independent project done in advanced courses.
 - b) Art history-travel or other expenses for research for advanced courses.

VALUE: For Spring 2022 a \$3,500 award will be made.

ELIGIBILITY: A matriculated art major currently enrolled for at least 3 credits, who has completed at least 24 credits, but no more than 105. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.0 and must demonstrate financial need.

APPLICATION: Application forms are available from the Art Department Office. All applications must include one letter of reference written by a UMB professor and a current, unofficial UMB transcript or audit report. Studio applicants must include a statement outlining their artistic development and their future plans, as well as a portfolio of 3-5 images, either as originals or digital images (on disk). Art history applicants must include a statement outlining their development in the major and their future plans, as well as a sample art history paper.

Applications for an independent project undertaken in conjunction with course work must include a one-page project proposal and an itemized budget.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 22, 2022

Completed applications must be returned to Art Department by emailing them to Alvin.Merlos@umb.edu

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Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____

UMS Number _____

Major(s), Minor(s), or Programs _____

Number of UMB Credits _____ GPA _____

Enrolled for at least 3 credits this semester? Yes _____ No _____

Please submit the following along with this application form:

All applicants Letter of reference from a UMB professor.
UMB transcript (unofficial).

Studio applicants One page statement outlining your development as an
artist and your future plans.
Portfolio of 3-5 images, originals or digital images (on
disk).

Art history applicants One page statement outlining your development in the
major and your future plans.
Sample art history paper.

Applicants applying for funds to support a specific project in studio or art history
must also submit a one page proposal and a budget for the project.

*Applicants for the Sam Walker must have demonstrable financial need. The
determination is made based on the applicant's valid FAFSA from on file in the
Financial Aid Office.*

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I certify that all the information on this application is true. My signature further signifies my **permission to release** all information contained in my Scholarship Application Packet, as well as relevant information on record at the University of Massachusetts Boston, to any and all persons involved in the selection of scholarships, for the **sole** purpose of consideration for scholarship awards. I further consent to the release of such information for reporting purposes to the donor of any scholarship I may receive.

Signature _____ Date _____