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Ms. Gayla R. Bonnell
Arizona Artist's Guild Curator
Arizona Artist's Guild Scholarship
2360 E. Cheryl Drive Phoenix, AZ 85028

Dear Ms. Bonnell,

I am writing this letter to demonstrate my character and to illuminate my ambitions as a fine art photographer. The Arizona Artist's Guild Scholarship is an incredible opportunity that would greatly aid in the development of my career and studies. I would greatly appreciate your consideration for potentially selecting me as a recipient for this scholarship. It is evident that this generous scholarship has provided many artists with the great opportunity to continue working in the arts.

I am qualified for this scholarship for multiple reasons. In the past year, I was accepted into Arizona State University's Professional Photography Program as a full time student. This was a tremendous honor and accomplishment. My work has been displayed in multiple galleries over the past three years, and I continue to make new work each semester. I am passionate about photographing meaningful topics, such as domestic abuse, emotional disorders, and mental health issues. As a result, in 2012, I had earned an internship with Arizona State Press Magazine. I photographed approximately six stories for the magazine, which gave me knowledge in photojournalism. During this internship, I demonstrated visual creativity, dedication to the publication, and a critical way of capturing our world. Finally, I had the incredible honor of working personally with Joanna B. Pinneo, a world-renowned National Geographic photographer. Some of her best images earned the title of National Geographic's top fifty photographs. Each of these experiences have bred my confidence as an artist, and I would be proud to represent the Arizona Artist's Guild as a scholarship recipient.

Enclosed in this scholarship application, please find my cover letter, a scholarship application packet, my resume, my unofficial transcript, letters of recommendation, and a CD with images of my photography. I am enthusiastic about sharing my personal work with you. I would like to schedule an interview. Thank you for your time and consideration; it is greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you and your committee.

Sincerely,

Haylee N. Schiavo

Enclosure(s): Cover letter, Scholarship application packet, Resume, Unofficial transcript, two letters of recommendation, & CD