

## The Hadra Scholarship Fund Program Overview

The Hadra Scholarship Fund was established in April 2004 as a program of the Allegany Arts Council. The Fund is dedicated to the memory of James (Jimmy) Hadra, who was a past president and a former board member of the Allegany Arts Council who passed away in January of 2004. He was also a committee member of the Frostburg Palace Theatre and was instrumental in productions at the Cumberland Theatre and the New Embassy Theatre. A retired professor at Frostburg State University, Jimmy had also been a volunteer with WFWM where he hosted a radio show for thirteen years.

The purpose of the Hadra Scholarship Fund is to provide small monetary grants to individuals residing in Allegany County who are in need of financial assistance to pursue an interest or an experience in the arts. Fundable requests include, but are not limited to, class/workshop fees, tickets for art performances or events, travel expenses to art performances or events, art-related supplies or materials, etc. Funds may not be used to help pay for credited classes at educational institutions. The maximum amount awarded to any individual will be \$100. There are no matching requirements for Fund grants.

### **Application Process**

Applications for Fund grants will typically be considered on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Interested applicants should complete the attached Application Form, provide all requested information, and return the completed form to the Allegany Arts Council for consideration. Applicants are asked to limit their requests to one application per year. Preference will be given to first-time applicants in order that the grant monies may help as many individuals as possible. A committee composed of individuals from our community will review each application and make a funding recommendation. Employees and board members of the Allegany Arts Council, as well as members of the Hadra Scholarship Committee, are not eligible for consideration. Funding recommendations will be made based on the following criteria:

- Completeness of the grant application request;
- Merit/appropriateness of the grant request; and
- Financial need of the individual making the grant request.

After final approval by the Allegany Arts Council, each applicant will be notified in writing of the committee's decision. (Please allow 3-4 weeks for the approval process to be completed.) To ensure that all Fund grants are used for their intended purpose, individuals will be asked to provide the Hadra Scholarship Committee with a Final Report on how the grant money was used, and how it benefited the recipient. If a final report is not submitted, the committee reserves the right to disqualify future applications from that individual.

**Applications and Questions**

You may download the Hadra Scholarship Application Form from the Allegany Arts Council web site, or the application form may be obtained by calling the Allegany Arts Council at 301-777- 2787.