**ARTS SCHOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION – VISUAL ARTS**

The Arts Scholar Program is a multi-year planned program of study in the Visual Arts. It is open to students in grades ten through twelve. A student wishing to become a Visual Arts Scholar may be nominated by a member of the art department or complete the application process outlined below for departmental consideration and or approval.

Ms. Benter – Department Head, Visual Arts
Mr. Krause – Middle & Upper School Art Teacher
Mr. Greene – Upper School Art Teacher
Mr. Myers – Middle & Upper School Art Teacher

Name ____________________ Current Grade ______ Advisor ______________________

Date of Application ___________________________ Year of Graduation _____________

Art teacher who nominated this candidate ______________________________________

*Self Nomination* is an option for tenth grade students or higher interested in becoming a Visual Art Scholar. Students should submit a minimum of two works of art which best represent their personal creative interests. Please include at least one work created outside of class for departmental review.

Students who choose to self nominate must submit a written statement expressing their interest in art and their goals as an art student at Portledge. One page maximum, double spaced, submitted with sample works.

A student who is accepted into the program will be considered an Arts Scholar candidate and be identified as such throughout their upper school years. Students are assigned an Arts Scholar Advisor (from the art department) to them on his or her progress in meeting the requirements of the Arts Scholar program throughout their high school years.
Visual Arts Requirements:

1. A Visual Arts Scholar must complete a minimum of two elective credits in the Visual Arts. Currently Studio Art, Advanced Portfolio, Architecture, Sculpture, Ceramics, Adv. Ceramics, Graffiti Art, and Photo/Media are offered. Students with scheduling problems may petition the department to substitute up to 1/3 credit with an art department approved alternative.

2. A Visual Arts Scholar’s cumulative average for all visual art courses, beginning with Art 9 and including all art electives, must be no lower than B+. The transcripts of students entering Portledge after 9th grade will be reviewed to determine whether previous coursework may be applied towards fulfilling the Arts Scholar requirements for visual arts.

3. Beginning in ninth grade and continuing through eleventh grade, a Visual Arts Scholar candidate must participate in both the winter and spring art exhibitions each year. A candidate may fulfill this requirement if currently enrolled in an art elective during the date of the exhibition or alternatively, by submitting one or more works, created independently, to an art department member for approval and inclusion in each exhibition.

4. During the spring of his or her senior year, a Visual Arts Scholar candidate must prepare a body of his/her own works, between 5-10 pieces, for inclusion in the annual graduating Visual Arts Scholar exhibition, traditionally held in April. Art teachers will guide the student in the selection of works. Students are expected to be an active participant in this process. *Visual Arts Scholar candidates are required to attend this final exhibition and be available to answer questions about their works on exhibit.

5. A Visual Arts Scholar must receive art department-approval for their senior project. Approval must be secured in advance of submitting the project proposal to the senior projects committee.

6. Graduating Arts Scholar designation will be conferred by vote of the visual arts department, upon successful completion of all stated requirements. The Arts Scholar designation will be noted under the awards section of the candidate’s final transcript and be announced during graduation.
The applicant has completed the application process and received art department approval. The candidate understands the requirements of the Visual Arts Scholar Program and that failure to complete all stated requirements could make him or her ineligible for receiving the award. Please sign both copies of this application. Keep one and return a copy to a member of the art department.

Student signature _____________________ Date __________________________

Student’s email: ______________________ cell phone ______________________

Parent signature ____________________ home phone ______________________

Parent’s email: __________________________

Date of Acceptance into the program: __________________________