



## The 2025 Heather “Heddy” Nichols Memorial Scholarship

### The Spirit of the Phoenix

#### **Description:**

Join the Mystical Order of the Phoenix Mardi Gras Krewe in remembering our friend and mentor, Heather Nichols, who was a founding member, board chairman, and lover of all things Mardi Gras and MOOTP. This one-time monetary award is open to young women in the Greater New Orleans area who are currently enrolled in an art program or school endorsed art course. Art programs may be defined as a program that provides New Orleans area local youth with educational experience in art. (YAMS, YAYA, New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts, NOCCA, etc.) Students in grades 9 through 12 who are active participants in a school art course or program are invited to submit an application along with artwork specific to our guidelines, to compete for a \$1000 scholarship, payable directly to the winner.

Applications and artwork will be accepted from 9am until 4:30pm at Martin Insurance Agency Inc., located at 4700 Orleans Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana 70002. Applications and artwork must be submitted by November 25, 2024.

#### **Artwork Rules:**

Each student artist must complete the application and submit an art project in the form of one plastic charger plate/platter, the Mystical Order of the Phoenix signature throw.

Charger platters may be found in stores such as thrift shops, Dollar Tree, Walmart, and Amazon to name a few. Applicants are encouraged to upcycle, recycle, and reinvent materials for their projects.

Your submission should follow the standard sizing described below.

One Round 13” (3” limit for depth), OR one square/rectangular 15” X 10” (3” limit for depth)

No glass, ceramic, porcelain, or metal.

Profanity and/or inappropriate content will be disqualified.

Copyrighted logos, pictures or characters is strictly prohibited.

Examples of platter designs and techniques may be viewed on our YouTube channel at MOOTP Platterpalooza, <https://www.youtube.com/@mysticalorderofthephoenix>.

**Application Instructions:**

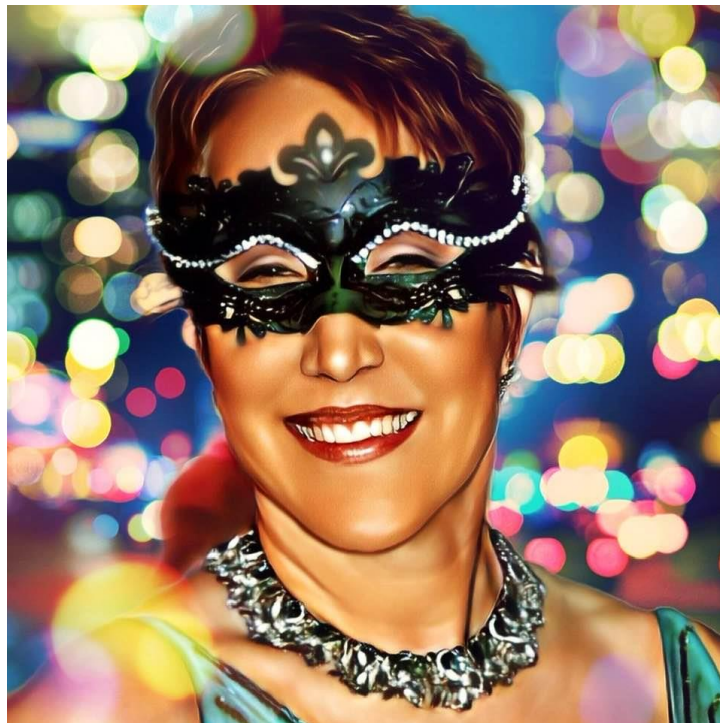
- Complete the application with all required signatures.
- Include a short-typewritten description of your artwork. (See application section “C”).
- Submit a proof of school enrollment form or program enrollment form signed by a member of the leadership team or director of programs.
- All materials must be submitted by November 25, 2024, to Mystical Order of the Phoenix, 4700 Orleans Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana 70002.

**Selection, Judging and Awarding:**

Student artists’ artwork will be displayed for voting by Mystical Order of the Phoenix membership during our Rules of the Ride meeting on January 26, 2025.

The scholarship presentation will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Martin Insurance Agency Inc., in New Orleans.

For more information, contact Sheri Aucoin at 832-301-2546 or [Aucoin.sheri@gmail.com](mailto:Aucoin.sheri@gmail.com)



**Mystical Order of the Phoenix  
2024 HEATHER HEDDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**A. General Information**

Applicant First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**B. School Information/Art Program Information**

School/Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Program Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Principal/Program Director Name \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Briefly describe and include the title of the artwork that you have submitted in 100 words or less.**

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**D. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include any other person's copyrighted work.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/  
Program Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_