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EDUCATING & ENCOURAGING THE ARTISTS OF TOMORROW...TODAY!

August 2026

Celebrating 15 Years of Changing Lives Through the Arts!

Fifteen years ago, through grief, a dream took root. A single \$500 scholarship was awarded with the belief that investing in an artist could change a life. In May 2026, the Artist Foundation celebrated 15 years of empowering aspiring artists. Thanks to the unwavering generosity of our donors, sponsors, and community partners, we have awarded \$95,400 in scholarships to talented artists across a variety of creative disciplines. Every scholarship is more than a financial award — it is a vote of confidence, an opportunity to pursue a dream, and a reminder that someone believes in an artist's potential.

Behind every dollar given is a story waiting to be written, a career waiting to blossom, a life forever changed. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has supported the Foundation over these fifteen years. One message we hope every supporter hears: no gift is ever too small. The answer is a heartfelt yes — small gifts, combined with the generosity of others, have built something extraordinary, opening doors, encouraging young artists, and creating opportunities that may never have existed otherwise.

In 2026, we were honored to award three \$5,000 scholarships to deserving artists. For 2027, our goal is five \$5,000 scholarships, and in the years that follow, we plan to maintain five annual scholarships while increasing the value of each award. With your continued support, we can help even more dreams become reality.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We couldn't have reached this milestone without you. Here's to the next 15 years of inspiring creativity, investing in talent, and changing lives—one artist, one scholarship, and one dream at a time!

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2026 Scholarship Recipient | Miracle Williams



"Music has always been my passion. My mom tells me that when she was pregnant with me, the moment the church choir began to sing, I would start to move — music has been part of who I am since before I was born. Singing is when I feel most alive and most like myself, letting me express emotions that words alone cannot.

My dream is to become a professional singer, but for me, it has never been about fame. What matters is using my voice to inspire and uplift others, especially those searching for hope. Working with Maroon 9 Community Enrichment Organization, I made my professional stage debut in *Harriet Tubman: Take My Hand and Follow Me* in 2024, and later performed my first lead role as Eponine in *Les Misérables* in 2025 — an experience that helped me grow not only as a performer, but as a person.

Through music, I hope to spread positivity, faith, healing, and hope. I believe every song has the power to touch someone's heart, and my greatest aspiration is to use my God-given gift to make a meaningful difference in others' lives."

Miracle will be attending the University of North Texas, pursuing a double major in Musical Arts and Psychology.

2026 Scholarship Recipient | Bailey Howell



"Since the very dawn of civilization, art has been revered as a tool for communication and as a living time capsule to monitor the growth of mental capacity, worldview, and societal norms of countless walks of life — from the hieroglyphics indelibly preserved in the tombs of the great Pharaohs of Egypt, to the melodies of torment and triumph encapsulated by the people of ancient China.



Art has long preserved traditions and served as a vital tool for conserving history. Art harbors the strength of our ancestry and it helps our community keep track of not only where we are going, but the hurdles of which we have already overcome in the waking presence of what our ancestors once called, 'someday.'

Some art pieces were born from a place of trying to better understand the world around me, while others were created out of stark epiphany. But in the wise words of James Baldwin in his speech 'A Talk to Teachers' on the Paradox of Education, the more conscious that I became about the world around me, the more I began to examine the society in which I am being educated. I favor a blend of reality and surrealism to create pieces that feel both comfortable and unsettling."

Bailey is a graduate of the Fort Worth Fine Arts Academy and will be attending Howard University majoring in Visual Arts with a concentration in the Electronic Studio Program.

2026 Scholarship Recipient | Sheridan Grey



"Art has shaped my world in many forms — from museum artworks, to animated shows I watched as a kid, to pieces I created myself in school. In high school, Animation 1 and Drawing 1 taught me the elements and principles of art, techniques I plan to use in my chosen degree program, Radio, Television, and Film.



I've showcased my creativity through VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event), an annual competition advancing from district to state to nationals. I achieved Ranking IV, the highest ranking, all four years, submitting five pieces total, all of which medaled. This year, I scored the highest marks on both of my artworks — an accomplishment I'm very proud of.

Media has shaped my viewpoint since childhood. I drew characters from my favorite shows, then made comics with my best friend, who illustrated while I wrote. My love for storytelling grew from there, and I now write short stories and hope to publish books.

I plan to major in Radio, Television, and Film, then pursue a career as a screenwriter and director, with my primary project being an animated, multi-season TV show."

Sheridan is a graduate of South Grand Prairie Early College High School and will be attending the University of Texas at Austin.

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The 3rd Annual Art & Soul Fundraiser will take place on March 13, 2027. We can't wait to welcome you to another incredible afternoon of art, music, and inspiration!

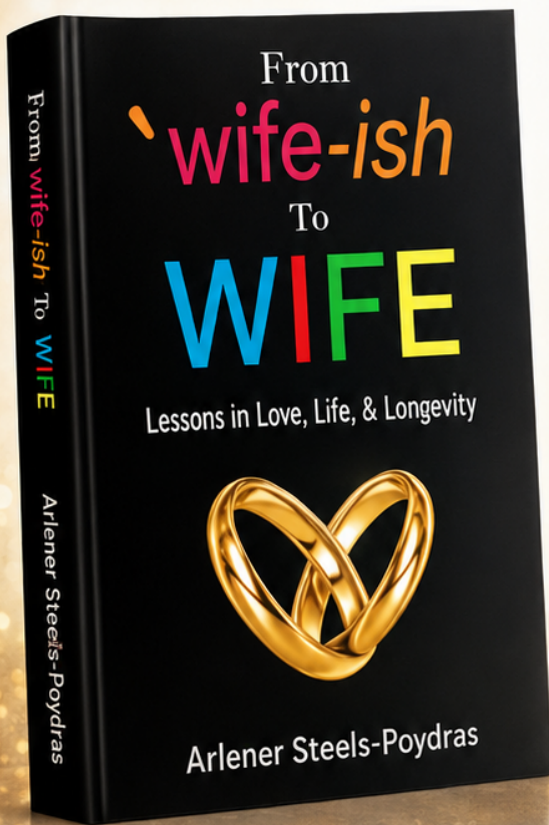
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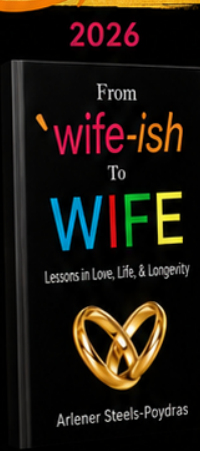
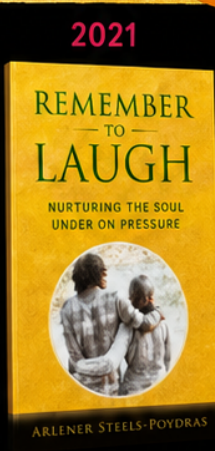
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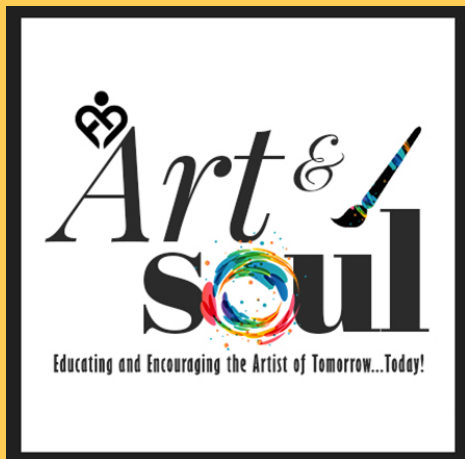


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