

The Marie Lawson Scholarship in Studio Art

The Marie Lawson Scholarship in Studio Art is awarded to graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and pursuing a major in Studio Art.

The Lawson Scholarship was established in 2004 in support of the College of Liberal Arts and in the memory of Marie Lawson. Ms. Lawson was born in 1896 in Montclair, New Jersey. She began sketching and painting at an early age, possibly influenced by her brother, Robert Lawson, a published illustrator/engraver and author of children's books. Ms. Lawson moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama to be near her sister Aimee in the late 1940's. While she continued to paint and sculpt, she took a job with the University of Alabama, and began taking classes there. At the age of 60, she graduated with a B.A. in Fine Arts. In later life, Parkinson's disease robbed Marie of her ability to paint, but she continued to sketch until her last days.

This scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years. Recipients must maintain a full-time course load (12 hours) each semester. In addition, recipients must complete a total of 24 credit hours each academic year and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for renewal. Students should submit a scholarship application every year in order to update their files and possibly be eligible for other awards.
