



## **The John M. Puglia Endowed New York City Travel Fund for Art Students**

### **Student Application Guidelines**

Established in 2014, the *John M. Puglia Endowed New York City Travel Fund for Art Students* is intended to provide full or partial support for students in the Mary Schiller Myers School of Art at The University of Akron to travel to New York City during the school's annual spring trips.

**In Spring 2019, 3 students will receive Puglia Grants valued at \$200 per grant.**

The fund honors the memory of the late John M. Puglia, a 1988 graduate of The University of Akron who died of cancer at age 48 in 2013. The fund seeks to inspire students' passion for art and New York City, just as John was inspired when he traveled to New York City as part of a student trip led by UA Art Professor Don Harvey.

John Puglia was well known in the region for his own art and his collaborations with other artists through the magazines, gallery spaces, and often elaborate events that he created. He was especially prolific in the last year of his life, with two gallery shows of new work in Akron.

Throughout his adult life, John Puglia balanced his creative ambitions with a successful professional career. He worked 19 years at Roadway Express (later YRC), rising to the position of Director of Corporate Communications. His many accomplishments include creation of a Roadway-sponsored traveling Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and launching one of the first successful corporate websites. His Roadway site is now in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Museum. From 2009 until his death, John Puglia was creative director for WhiteSpace Creative in Akron.

John Puglia was founder of the Millworks Galleries, which opened in 1990 in the formerly abandoned B.F. Goodrich factory space. His work, often focused on Akron themes, was exhibited at Millworks, We Gallery, and Square Records, among other venues.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible for Puglia New York City Travel Fund Grants are undergraduate students who:

- have earned Junior or Senior status;
- are confirmed participants in the Spring NYC bus trip (have paid the full deposit);
- have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0;
- are enrolled in at least 6 credits of 7100:XXX coursework in Spring 2019; and
- are enrolled full-time in Spring 2019.

Ineligible for Puglia New York City Travel Fund Grants are:

- freshmen and sophomores;
- students who are not in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards; or
- students who submit incomplete or late applications.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Each copy of your application must include the following:

- (1) Cover sheet
- (2) Letter of Interest
- (3) Unofficial Academic Transcript

**Application materials should be submitted by email to the Chair of the Scholarship and Grants committee by Sunday March 17, 2019 at 12:00midnight. You must submit your application as a single PDF file.** Do not submit materials as multiple files or in formats other than a PDF.

Incomplete applications or applications which arrive after the deadline will not be considered.

### **(1) Cover sheet**

The requisite cover sheet must be completely and accurately filled out and signed with a real signature (not typed!). Reformatted versions of the cover sheet are not acceptable. If you need assistance determining your GPA or earned credit hours on MyAkron, please consult a BCAS Advisor or with the Manager of Student Affairs. The cover sheet can be found on the last page of these guidelines.

### **(2) Letter of Interest**

This should be a clear and concise document, no longer than one page in length (250 words), in which you explain how you expect to benefit as an artist/designer/historian/educator from travel to New York City. Be as detailed and specific as possible so that committee understands how you will benefit from the learning experience!

### (3) **Academic Transcript**

An unofficial copy of your transcript from the Student Center in MyAkron is required. It must include coursework from the current semester.

### **Evaluation of Applications**

All complete, eligible applications received before the deadline will be considered by the Puglia Grant Review Board. The evaluation rubric used to facilitate discussion of the applications within the Board is included in these guidelines. The Board reserves the right to interview applicants. The board members for Spring 2019 are:

Dr. Elisha Dumser, Chair, Scholarships and Grants Committee  
Dr. Gedas Gasparavicius, Faculty Advisor, Student Arts League  
Melissa Olson, Manager of Student Affairs  
Hui-Chu Ying, Faculty Leader, Spring 2019 NYC Trip

### **Notification of the Award**

Recipients will be notified by email of their Puglia New York City Travel Fund Grant.

### **Expectations of Grant Recipients**

**The Puglia New York City Travel Fund Grant is an honor and a responsibility.** The applicants selected as recipients of this scholarship agree to the following commitments:

- You are required to thank the Puglia family. This can take the form of a traditional thank-you letter or be a more creative expression of your gratitude; either way, it will be presented to the family in person at the Spring Awards Ceremony (May 1, 2019) and must be reviewed in advance by the Manager of Student Affairs ([mso3@uakron.edu](mailto:mso3@uakron.edu)). **Failure to complete your thank you will result in forfeiture of the grant.**
- Recipients of all scholarships and grants administered by the Myers School of Art are expected to give back to the school by participating in school-sponsored events. Events can include high school visits, Portfolio Review Days, speaking to an Arts Orientation class about your award, and other events where a student's voice and perspective are valued. Your participation will be coordinated by the Manager of Student Affairs, and by accepting this scholarship you agree to serve in at least one event over the next academic year.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions about the application process, you are encouraged to contact Dr. Elisha Dumser, Chair of the Scholarships and Grants Committee ([edumser@uakron.edu](mailto:edumser@uakron.edu)).

## Puglia Grant Evaluation Rubric

**Purpose:** This rubric is intended as a tool to facilitate discussion among committee members during the review of applications. Not all criteria are of equal value, but all will be considered to some degree during the application review process. The numerical component of this rubric should not be over-valued in the application review process.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

### Step one: Determine Eligibility

- Applicant has junior or senior status? Yes / No
- Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher? Yes / No
- Confirmed: 6 credits 7100 coursework and FT enrollment in SP 19? Yes / No
- Confirmed: participant on NYC bus trip? Yes / No
- Application is complete? Yes / No

### Step two: Evaluate Merit

Criteria	Score (1-5, high to low)	Notes
<i>Letter of Intent:</i>		
Expresses how the NYC trip will influence their work as an artist/designer/historian with maturity and clarity		
<i>Academic Transcript:</i>		
Strength of overall GPA and GPA in 7100 classes		

# 2019 Puglia New York City Travel Grant COVER SHEET

**Instructions:** Please complete this form by typing the required information or checking the boxes, and include a printed copy in each application packet. You must sign this form for your application to be complete.

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT ID#:

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:

UA EMAIL ADDRESS:

MAJOR:

SECOND MAJOR (IF ANY):

MINOR (if any):

Status as determined by earned credit hours:  Senior  Junior

Cumulative GPA (all UA courses):

Myers School of Art GPA (all 7100 courses):

Number of 7100:xxx credits in SP19:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization for the Release of Information:** By signing this form, you grant the Myers School of Art permission to consult with offices and units on campus as needed to administer this scholarship, including the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the Office of Student Financial Aid.