Young Territorians with artistic talent are in the running for valuable arts scholarships this year.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour said funds are available to budding artists intending to study fulltime in 2007, whether it was an Undergraduate Degree, Diploma or a Certificate III or IV.

Ms Scrymgour said scholarships are available to Northern Territory residents although the artists can study interstate.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our young and emerging artists to get the training and development they need to realise their full potential,” Minister Scrymgour said.

“The Territory has a strong and vibrant artistic culture and it is vital that we support and nurture promising artistic futures.

“So I encourage young and eligible Territorians to apply.

“Last year five young Territory artists were awarded a total of $17,500 under the scheme and the NT Government is pleased to again be able to support emerging artists and encourage excellence in the arts through the Arts Scholarship Scheme.”

The funds are available through Arts NT. This is the 14th consecutive year that the Arts Scholarship Scheme has been supporting young Territorians.

The maximum values for this year’s scholarships are:

- $3500 per year for an Undergraduate Degree for a maximum of three years;
- $700 per year, for a Diploma, for a maximum of two years; and
- $500 for a Certificate III or IV for one year only.

The number awarded to each of the categories will be determined by a selection panel and available funding.

The assessment criteria are based on demonstrated and potential artistic achievements and ability. Applicants must provide confirmation of enrolment as part of their application.

Applicants must be under 26 years of age at the time of applying with this year’s closing date being January 31.

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