



**LARRY MITCHELSON**  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

## 2025-2026 School Year Application

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# Past Winners of the Mitchelson Art Award

2004 – Matt Hill



2005 – Tara Warwick



2006 – Jessica Henderson



2007 – Rachel Higgins



2008 – Sydney Scruton



2009 – Abigail Grimshaw



2010 – Alexis Semeraro



2011 – Desirae Collins



2012 – Maggie Ryan



2013 – Mariah Munger



2014 – Abigail Shatrau



2015 – Abigail Field



2016 – Amber DeStevens



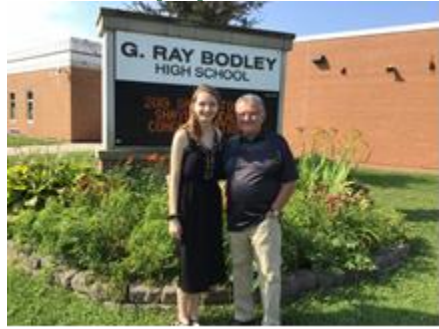
2017 – Victoria Izyk



2018 – Courtney Paro



2019 – Hayley Vann



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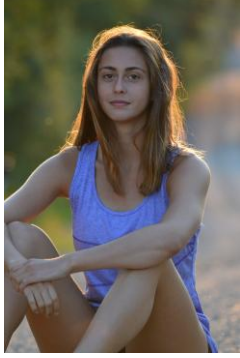
2021 – Jacob Hahn



2022 co-winner – Cameron Waugh



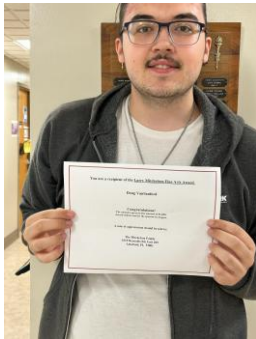
2022 co-winner – Rebecca Stone



2023 – Mali Lamanna



2024 – Doug VanSanford



2025 – Wren Allen



2025 – Your Picture Here?

## About the Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award

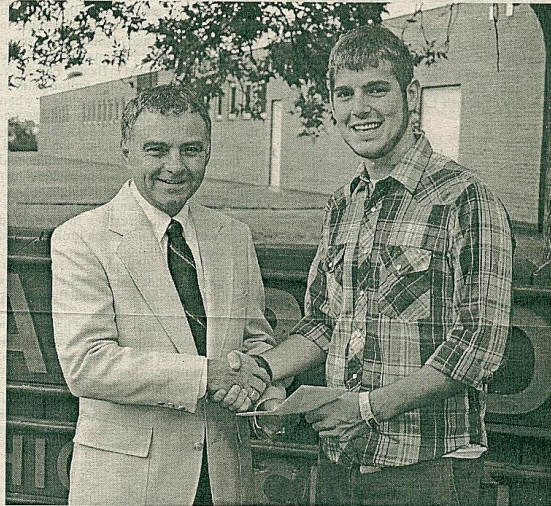
Larry Kenneth Mitchelson taught elementary art in the Fulton (New York) Consolidated School District for 34 years (1969 – 2003). Affectionately known as “Mr. Mitch”, he earned the respect of his students and the Fulton community as a teacher and artist. Larry passed away suddenly on June 2, 2024, at the age of 76.

This award is given through the loving generosity of his son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Susan Mitchelson via the Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Foundation, Inc. This organization was founded in 2003 and began awarding scholarships in 2004. In 2006, the organization earned recognition from the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code.



### *Art and Economics for Sixth Graders*

Kim Gannett and Cindy Delaney shown left to right above with their art teacher Larry Mitchelson, and all sixth graders at Lanigan Elementary School, are studying economics with their teachers. A part of this unit deals with the economic factors involved with the selling and buying of art work. These students have learned that they can earn money by selling their art work as well as by investing in the work of other artists. As student artists sell their work to the Art Mart or Gallery they find their prices will increase as their art work is bought by investors. The investors in art work gain profit and combat inflation by buying early while a student artist's prices are relatively inexpensive. Correlating other subject areas is a goal of educators wherever possible. When subjects can be successfully correlated both students and teachers benefit because of increased interest and deeper involvement.



### *Fulton graduate receives art scholarship*

Matt Hill (right) is the winner of the Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award, which is a \$1,000 scholarship that is presented to a graduating G. Ray Bodley High School student who plans on pursuing higher education in the arts. Pictured presenting the award is Larry Mitchelson, who was an elementary art teacher in the Fulton City School District for 34 years. The award is given through his son and daughter-in-law, Randall and Susan Mitchelson.

-Valley News photo by Kelly LeVea

## Eligibility Requirements

- Graduating senior of G. Ray Bodley High School
- Advanced high school credits in art courses and/or related practical application of skills outside the classroom (stage set design, computer animated design, graphic design, etc.)
- Submit portfolio along with application for selection committee review
- Relatives of members of the Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Fund, Inc. organization, including any committees, are not eligible for scholarship assistance.

## Application Submission Process

- Submit portfolio along with application for selection committee review using Google Drive.
- Submit the written application and art portfolio in two separate files.
- Ensure all files shared on Google Drive have sharing access permissions set to "Anyone with link"

## Selection Process

- Completed application and portfolio must be submitted to the G. Ray Bodley High School Guidance Office by May 20, 2026, Attn. Kelly Pappalardo, Counseling Office Assistant, Scholarship Administrator, Kpappala@fulton.cnyric.org
- A scholarship committee including members of the Foundation, G. Ray Bodley High School faculty and guidance office will review all applications and select the award's recipient.
- The award will be presented annually at the G. Ray Bodley High School commencement ceremony.

## Awards & Disbursement

- The scholarship is presented annually and is a one-time award.
- The award amount is a one-time presentation of \$1,000.00 US.
- The award recipient is eligible to submit digital photos of their artwork for publication on [www.mitchelsonartscholarship.org](http://www.mitchelsonartscholarship.org) for display purposes. This benefit has no expiration.
- The award will be presented at the G. Ray Bodley High School commencement ceremony.
- The award must be used for tuition, books and/or art related instructional supplies.

## Conditions

- 1) The award recipient will agree to grant to Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Foundation, Inc. and those acting pursuant to its direction or control, (and agree to confirm such grant in writing upon request), the right to print, publish, broadcast and use, worldwide in any media now known or hereafter developed, including but not limited to the world wide web, at any time or times, the winner's name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness and biographical information as news or information and for advertising, trade and promotional purposes without additional consideration and without notification, review or approval.
- 2) Award recipients, (and participants parents or legal guardians if participant is a minor (both on behalf of themselves and winner), release and agree to hold harmless Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Foundation, Inc. and their respective directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss or damage of any kind to person, including death, and property, arising in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, use or misuse of the Scholarship Award, participation in this Scholarship Application and Award process, or participation in any of this Scholarship's-related activity.
- 3) Students applying for scholarship are required to attend an education institution as defined in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the IRS Code (accredited colleges and/or universities).
- 4) Relatives of members of the Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Fund, Inc. organization, including any committees, are not eligible for scholarship assistance.
- 5) By signing this scholarship application, the student attests that the:
  - i) scholarship funds will be used for expenses associated with attending their college or university;
  - ii) information provided within this application, including any art portfolio pieces are true and accurate and/or were designed/created exclusively by applicant and;
  - iii) applicant and their parent/guardian agree to all terms and conditions stated herein.
- 6) Should misuse of the scholarship funds be discovered, the Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Fund Inc. will make every attempt to be refunded. Letters will be sent via certified mail to both student and their parents to initiate the collection process.

**Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award**  
**Submit Applications To:**  
 G. Ray Bodley High School  
 Guidance Office  
 6 William Gillard Drive  
 Fulton, New York 13069

**1) PERSONAL/EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE WRITE NEATLY)**

Applicant Info			
First Name		Middle Initial	
Last Name			
Mailing Address	Street		
	City, State		Zip Code
Telephone		Student Date of Birth	
Email Address		Last Four of SS#	
Father's Name		Occupation	
Mother's Name		Occupation	

**2a) ART BACKGROUND (PLEASE WRITE NEATLY)**

*Art Courses (either completed or currently enrolled in) including any work outside school.*

Name of Course	Year Taken	Teacher Name

**2b) ART BACKGROUND (PLEASE WRITE NEATLY)**

*Art contributions and awards – include art contests participated in, exhibition record, illustration and layout contributions, awards and art related clubs. You may include projects and exhibitions done through church, scouts, employment, etc.*

Award/Honor/Activity	Year	Sponsor/Teacher

### 3) EMPLOYMENT

Have you had a part-time job?    Y      N

If yes, how many hours per week did you work? \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**4) COLLEGE PLANS (PLEASE WRITE NEATLY)**

Please list all colleges that you have applied to for admittance next semester. If you have officially committed to attending one of the schools listed please mark a \* next to the school name.

Name of School	Major	Accepted? (Yes, No, Waiting)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**5) LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS (PLEASE WRITE NEATLY)**

**6) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (2)**

*Please have an art teacher and another person who is neither a teacher nor relative write a letter of recommendation and submit them with your application.*

**7) GUIDANCE OFFICE ATTESTATION**

*Please have a guidance counselor complete the attestation regarding your admission status.*

## 8) ART PORTFOLIO

### THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR APPLICATION!

- *Include images of 12 pieces of original artwork in any medium*
- *Include an inventory of portfolio pieces including title of piece and media used to create it*
- *Ensure all files shared on Google Drive have sharing access permissions set to “Anyone with link”*
- *The selection committee will review your portfolio.*
- *The selection committee is looking for*
  - *creativity in concept*
  - *use of materials*
  - *technical excellence*
  - *a sense of style or individuality*
  - *a command of the principles and elements of design*
  - *impact of the overall portfolio presentation*

Signature of Student Applicant	Date

**Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award**  
Guidance Office Attestation

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Student's Name

The student whose name appears above has applied for the Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award and has been admitted to an accredited college or university.

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Name of College/University

Signature of Guidance Counselor	Date
Printed Name of Guidance Counselor	Phone #

**Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award  
Art Teacher Recommendation Letter**

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**Student's Name**

The student whose name appears above has applied for the Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award and has given your name for a recommendation.

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Signature of Art Teacher

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Phone Number

Please put the recommendation in a sealed envelope and write "Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award", name of student, and your name on the front of the envelope. Many thanks.

Return to G. Ray Bodley High School Guidance Office by May 20, 2026.

**Larry Mitchelson Fine Arts Award**  
**Recommendation Letter (*no teachers or relatives please*)**

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Signature

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Relation to Applicant

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