



The Howie Art Bursary Scholarship Guidelines

What is the Howie Art Bursary?

John Howie began his working life in the pits of Cardenden during Fife's mining era, while his wife, Jane, started her career in one of Dunfermline's last silk factories. Through hard work and a willingness to embrace new opportunities, their working lives took them as far as Zambia before they eventually returned home to continue building their careers and family. John went on to work in many different roles, eventually climbing the management ranks at the newly developed Mossmorran facility, while Jane pursued a career in education, dedicating herself to working with nursery children. Even after "retirement", their adventurous nature remained strong, leading them to establish a small collection of shops in Lochgelly.

In their late fifties, both John and Jane independently discovered a passion that became one of the joys of their later lives — **art**. John developed a talent for watercolour painting, creating beautiful scenes of local landscapes and landmarks, while Jane found her voice through complex gel-pen drawings and poetry, producing spiritual works that reflected her faith. Their artwork was exhibited in both local and international galleries and museums, and they couldn't have been happier to develop something new about themselves and share it with the world.

John sadly passed away in 2021 and Jane in 2026. In their memory, this small fund honours the values that defined their lives: **resilience, creativity and the courage to embrace new opportunities, no matter the risk**. We hope this fund will inspire others to follow their passions and discover new talents.

Never be afraid to try something new, just as the Howie's did throughout their lives. We can all surprise ourselves.

Who Can Apply?

Full-time students at Fife College who are **over the age of 50** and studying a creative art form, applicants should have good levels of attendance & ideally be exploring a new passion for which they've not previously had education in.

Eligible Courses:

- Furniture & Product Design
- Acting & Theatre Performance
- Art and Design
- Architecture & Interior Design
- Computer Aided Draughting and Design
- Computer Games Design & Animation
- Creative Industries: Broadcast Media
- Digital Design & Development
- Photography
- Graphic Design & Visual Communication
- Jewellery
- Patisserie
- Sound Production

What Will You Be Awarded?

One grant of £300 will be available each year. The award may be shared between multiple students at the discretion of the panel.

What Can You Spend the Scholarship/ Bursary On?

The scholarship should be used for resources or materials that will help you with your studies or development of skill, for instance, materials, art supplies, software, events or classes

How to Apply

A link to the application form is available on the Fife College website in the 'Scholarships' section – if you require a hard copy form please get in touch. Please remember to explain clearly why you should be considered for a Howie Bursary Scholarship.

If you would like some help completing your application form, please email employability@fife.ac.uk they would be happy to meet with you to give advice and some helpful hints.

What Happens Next?

- A staff member that knows you may be asked for a reference.
- You will receive an email to advise the outcome of your application.

Key Info

Closing date for applications is **Monday, 9th November 2026 at Midnight.**