“Since its inception, Yale School of Art has flourished as a place where art-making minds meet. Moving forward, we must provide new resources for these talented individuals, sustaining a critical mass of artists from varying backgrounds engaged in artistic innovation and exploration.”

—Robert Storr, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Dean

Uniting formal rigor and inventiveness, Yale School of Art encourages independent thinking and a cosmopolitan spirit that embraces and cultivates a global perspective.

Sufficient scholarship resources are key to attracting a diverse student body. Students weigh financial aid heavily in selecting which art school to attend. Today, the field is crowded, and Yale competes with programs at other leading universities to enroll the most promising candidates.

Yale training should be open to the world’s most talented artists. However, the vast majority of those enrolled here cannot afford to cover the full cost of attendance. They receive some need-based financial aid, but must close the gap through loans. Thus many students borrow heavily to study at our school and graduate with significant debt. Recent alumni should not be pressured to commercialize their work—or worse, leave the field altogether—because of financial concerns. With these “real life” considerations in mind, dramatically increasing financial aid is among the school’s highest priorities.

“Despite everything Yale had to offer in terms of facility, resources, community, and a healthy amount of pressure—the most revealing for me was a space of vulnerability and nurturing which will resonate for the rest of my life.”

Kevin Beasley ’12 MFA was born 1985 in Lynchburg, Virginia, and came to Yale by way of a BFA in Detroit, Michigan. Kevin currently lives and works in New York City and has shared his work in major institutions such as The Whitney, MoMA NY, the Guggenheim, and the Dallas Museum of Art.
Giving opportunities

$50,000 or more
Endowed Named Scholarship Fund
The establishment of an endowed scholarship to support Yale School of Art students provides in perpetuity a critical source of financial aid to assist future leaders in the field of art.

Any amount
School of Art Alumni Fund
Gifts to the Art Alumni Fund provide vital, immediately expendable support for the school’s most pressing needs. The school relies on annual gifts as an essential resource for increased student financial aid.

To learn more

Access Yale is a two-year, university-wide initiative in support of financial aid at Yale. The initiative seeks to build financial aid endowment across all of Yale’s schools, as well as raise current use funds that can go to work immediately to support financial aid in Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools.

For more information about how you can help support Access Yale at the Yale School of Art, please contact:

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$58,200
ANNUAL COST OF ATTENDANCE

$49,000
AVERAGE DEBT AT GRADUATION

28%
AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID BUDGET COVERED BY ENDOWMENT

$1.36 million
TOTAL UNMET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP NEED

83.5%
STUDENTS RECEIVING SOME AID

The cumulative debt for the school’s class of 2015 graduates averaged $49,000, an enormous burden for artists beginning their careers, particularly in a field where compensation is notoriously unpredictable and uncertain. Increased financial aid resources are vital to ensure that a Yale art education is affordable and available to the world’s best young artists.