

## **Bachelor of Fine Arts Program (BFA)**

### **Specific Portfolio Requirements for Admissions and Scholarship Consideration**

#### **BFA Freshman Applicants**

The interview and portfolio review is a private session with a Tyler faculty member or a member of the admissions staff. At this time you will present and discuss your portfolio of artwork. Members of the Admissions staff will be available to answer your questions before or after your interview. You may also arrange to have a tour of the facilities either before or after your review. Please call the Tyler Admissions office to set up a portfolio review appointment.

**All students interested in applying for portfolio scholarships must complete the self-portrait. Scholarship requirements are outlined in additional detail below. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the necessary application materials are received (not postmarked) in the appropriate offices by the deadline specified on the 2010-2011 Fact Sheet.**

#### **BFA Freshman Portfolio**

The portfolio should include 15 or more pieces of original work executed in the previous year. **You must include at least 5 strong examples of drawing from observation regardless of the major that you wish to pursue.** These drawings must be well composed works, showing a wide range of values, and must be separate from sketchbook drawings. Drawing is the cornerstone to visual thinking and integral to the Tyler foundation program. Your portfolio may include additional drawings, work in both black-and-white and color media, ceramics, computer graphics or digital media, design examples, fibers or textiles, glass, jewelry or metal work, paintings, photography, printmaking, or sculpture. Tyler looks for variety in the portfolio so plan to vary your choice of media, subject matter and scale. Large pieces may be represented in photographs presented during an in-person review. Sketchbooks should be brought to the review as well but are not considered part of the portfolio. Students are discouraged from presenting a large amount of work copied directly from photographic sources.

Freshman applicants should make every attempt to attend a portfolio review at Tyler. Applicants living at a considerable distance from Tyler may elect to upload a portfolio consisting of 15 or more images at [www.temple.slideroom.com](http://www.temple.slideroom.com). When uploading, follow the instructions on the SlideRoom website, from the above link. There is an additional \$10 fee to upload to SlideRoom. The images should reflect the media and subject matter listed above. An image inventory with descriptions of each image must be included indicating size, medium, title and date completed. **If all criteria for scholarship consideration are met, the first 10 images uploaded to SlideRoom will be used for scholarship consideration.** Order your images accordingly. Do not send CD-ROMs, DVDs, slides, slide carousels, portfolios, photographs, binders or original work through the mail. These are not acceptable and will not be reviewed or returned.

#### **BFA Transfer Portfolio**

All transfer applicants must upload a portfolio consisting of 20 or more images at [www.temple.slideroom.com](http://www.temple.slideroom.com). When uploading, follow the instructions on the SlideRoom website, from the above link. There is an additional \$10 fee to upload to SlideRoom. The portfolio **must include 5 strong examples of drawing from observation regardless of the major that you wish to pursue.** Make certain to include examples of coursework completed at the college level for both admissions and placement purposes. The Tyler transfer committee will review the work to determine studio placement into the BFA program. Although an interview is not required for admission, transfer applicants are encouraged to make an appointment to tour the facilities. A description list indicating medium, title, and date completed should be included in the portfolio. Transfer applicants must also send the Self-Portrait and Statement of Purpose (see information below) to the Tyler Admissions Office.

#### **Freshmen with Advanced Placement (AP) or College Transfer Credits for all Tyler Programs**

Those freshmen who pass the portfolio review and have taken college level studio coursework while in high school must send in official college transcripts as well as a portfolio uploaded to [www.temple.slideroom.com](http://www.temple.slideroom.com) (see information above under BFA transfer applicants) which represents the coursework taken in order to be considered for transfer credit. Transfer credits received through AP exams or through attendance at an accredited college will be evaluated by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions of Temple University upon receipt of the completed application, official transcripts, and test scores. All AP test scores must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Temple by requesting that they be sent directly from the College Board at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Students receiving a score of at least a 3 in AP studio examinations will receive 3 studio credits that will be evaluated for elective credit.

**Self-portrait**

All Tyler BFA applicants and ALL scholarship applicants must execute one drawing specifically for Tyler as an essential part of the application. The self-portrait should be drawn in pencil, charcoal, or conte crayon (make sure you fix the drawing so that it doesn't smudge), on **8 1/2" by 11"** paper from a mirror reflection. **Do not include a self-portrait that has been copied from a photograph or a scanned image.** This drawing is sent as part of the application with the understanding that it is a permanent part of the application and will not be returned. You must send in the original drawing to the Tyler Admissions office with the label below permanently affixed to the back. The portrait may not be included in the portfolio as it is a separate requirement. The application is not considered complete without the self-portrait. The self-portrait is an important factor, along with the assessment of the portfolio, in the determination of scholarship nominees. Tyler Admissions is not responsible for self portraits that were not labeled correctly or that arrive to our office after the deadline.

**Statement of Purpose**

All Tyler BFA applicants must submit a separate sheet containing a brief written or typed statement of purpose. Describe your aspirations, goals, and why you are choosing art as a discipline. Please affix the label at the bottom of the page to the back of the statement. **Please note:** This statement is separate from the Temple University Admissions application essay and must be submitted directly to the Tyler Admissions Office.

**Labels**

All **BFA** applicants and **All Scholarship Applicants:** Use these labels to identify self-portraits and statement of purpose for admission and scholarship purposes. Mail these materials to: *Office of Admissions, Tyler School of Art, 2001 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122*

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**Self Portrait Label (BFA Applicant)**

Applicant Name (No Nicknames) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_

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**Statement of Purpose Label**

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