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ABOUT ARTS FOR LIFE!

Mrs. Columba Bush, Florida's First Lady from 1999 to 2007, is a passionate advocate for the arts and arts education. In 1999, she established Arts for Life! to recognize the creativity and artistic talents of high school students throughout Florida. *Arts for Life!* annually awards cash scholarships to graduating high school seniors who excel in the arts. This year, applications have been received from more than 600 exceptional visual and performing artists attending public, magnet, charter, virtual and private schools, as well as home education programs across Florida, each vying for the prestigious scholarship award. Respected experts representing each artistic discipline will evaluate and award the scholarships to students based on a portfolio of the student's submitted work and an essay about how the arts have positively influenced their lives.

PATRON WITH A PASSION

My passion is the arts. As First Lady of Florida, I visited classrooms throughout our great state, experiencing first-hand the incredible influence of the arts on the lives of students. Art opened up a world of wonder to these young people and unleashed their creativity in unique, wonderful ways. I especially enjoyed meeting high school students and learning more about their dreams and desired career paths. Their talent and passion were inspiring and it didn't take long before it became my dream to help these amazing students realize their artistic aspirations. So, with the support of my husband and many fellow advocates of the arts, I started the *Arts for Life!* Scholarship Program to award scholarships to help high school seniors pursue their dreams in the arts after graduation. In the program's two decades, more than \$650,000 in scholarships have been awarded to more than 600 talented students in recognition of their achievements in the arts. Many of our past scholarship recipients have flourished to become professional actors and actresses, singers and musicians, dancers, artists, and art educators.

Please join me in supporting these emerging young artists as they share their art, inspire us, and profoundly impact our communities. Your gift to *Arts for Life!* will help these students offset their college expenses as they pursue their talent after graduating high school. I am grateful for your consideration and dedication to providing an opportunity for future generations of Florida's young artists to continue their education.

With gratitude,

Columba Bush



CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS & ARTIST SYMPOSIUM

The award-winning students of the *Arts for Life!* Program will be honored at a luncheon and awards ceremony hosted by ExcelinEd Chairman Governor Jeb and Mrs. Columba Bush at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County on June 9, 2025. Students present their art and participate in an Artist Symposium with professional visual and performing artists and arts administrators who share real world experiences with the scholarship winners. These professionals in the art arena participate in a workshop with the students to answer their questions and provide professional advice on navigating the world of the arts in higher education and beyond.

BECOME A PATRON OF THE ARTS

Help support a new generation of artists by becoming a patron of the arts. Your tax-deductible contribution will support the *Arts for Life!* student scholarship program, which helps offset college expenses for award recipients. All patrons are invited to join Governor Jeb and Mrs. Columba Bush at the Celebration of the Arts Awards Luncheon for scholarship recipients at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County on June 9, 2025 and will receive special event and marketing benefits at the event and at www.ArtsforLifeAward.org. *Arts for Life!* is a program operated by ExcelinEd, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

PATRON BENEFITS

Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County
June 9, 2025

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS AWARDS LUNCHEON	Ambassador of the Arts \$25,000	The Composer \$10,000	The Surrealist \$5,000	The Protégé \$2,500
Opportunity to Participate in the Event Program	✓			
Logo on Student Awards Luncheon Invitation & Award	✓			
Opportunity to distribute SWAG/Collateral	✓	✓		
Ad in Printed Program	Full Page	Full Page	½ Page	
Recognition from the Podium	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reserved Seats	Table	4	2	1
Invitations to Awards Luncheon	8	4	2	1
Recognition on Sponsor Signage	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name
Inclusion in Press Release Announcing Award Winners	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo and Link on www.ArtsforLifeAward.org	✓	✓	✓	✓

QUESTIONS? CONTACT Sally Atwater McLeod at (202) 213 7026 or Sally@ExcelinEd.org



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Thank you! Your gift enables us to continue supporting Florida's high school graduates who excel in the arts.

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