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## **Cayman Arts Students Encouraged to Apply for Deutsche Bank National Gallery Visual Arts Scholarship**

Students in the Cayman Islands who are considering pursuing a career in the visual arts, including design, are being encouraged to apply for a scholarship being offered by Deutsche Bank (Cayman) Limited and the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands.

It is the second year that the 'Deutsche Bank National Gallery of the Cayman Islands Visual Arts Scholarship' has been offered to students in the Islands, following the announcement last year that the Bank and the National Gallery would be forming a partnership to support the development of local arts.

Through this collaboration, a scholarship worth up to US\$20,000 per year for a programme of study up to four years, will be awarded to assist local students with the funding of their visual arts education overseas. The recipient of the scholarship will also aim to pursue a career in the arts in the Cayman Islands after graduation. It is intended that, through supporting graduates in this way, the visual arts can continue to thrive and evolve in the Islands.

The Scholarships are awarded to either Caymanian students or students legally resident in the Cayman Islands who have been accepted to colleges or universities that are approved by the Education Council of the Cayman Islands Government. Applicants must also be between 17 and 25 years of age at the date of the application deadline.

Potential students can apply for the scholarship now. The deadline for applications this year is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, for a September or January university semester start-date.

The recipient of the first Scholarship last year was Ms Jessica Willis, who in September 2007 embarked on a four year degree in Graphic Design at the prestigious Savannah College of Arts and Design in the USA.

David Dyer, Director of Deutsche Bank (Cayman) Limited, commented:

“Deutsche Bank’s partnership with the National Gallery goes from strength to strength and I am delighted to launch the Visual Arts Scholarship 2008 in this our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being in the Cayman Islands. The Bank is committed to supporting the visual arts in Cayman and to ensuring that young local contemporary artists have the opportunity to develop their talents and reach their potential. The response to the Scholarship last year from local aspiring artists was fantastic and I am looking forward to receiving an even larger number of applications this year.”

The National Gallery is primarily an educational non-profit organization. Through its varied programme of workshops, lectures, local and international exhibitions and annual events, the Gallery is firmly focused on the development and success of artists in the Cayman Islands.

Nancy Barnard, Director at the National Gallery, said:

“Since it was established in 1996, the National Gallery has been at the centre of the arts scene in the Cayman Islands, constantly looking to promote and encourage the appreciation and practice of the visual arts. We are constantly looking to inject energy into and enhance the local arts and, with this in mind, I am delighted that we are able to continue our partnership with Deutsche Bank to offer local visual artists this fantastic opportunity to study at university level.”

Application forms and full details for the scholarship can be obtained from the Education Council, Nancy Barnard at the National Gallery and on the National Gallery website [www.nationalgallery.org.ky](http://www.nationalgallery.org.ky).

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