APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1 APPLICATION

The undergraduate application can be found at the end of this catalog, or students can apply online at www.sva.edu/apply. Please fill out the application completely and mail it to School of Visual Arts, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 209 E 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010.

2 APPLICATION FEE

The application fee for all applicants is $50.

3 PORTFOLIO OR FILM ESSAY

The portfolio should contain samples of your strongest artwork, and should be submitted in accordance with the criteria detailed in the portfolio requirements table found on page 612. All transfer applicants seeking credit in studio art classes must submit a CD-R or sva.sliderooms.com portfolio to aid in the evaluation of the student's placement. In addition to the required film essays, Film and Video applicants are encouraged to submit a production reel.

4 STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 500 words or less, discuss your reasons for pursuing undergraduate study in the visual arts. Feel free to include any information about yourself, as well as your goals and interests that may not be immediately apparent from the review of your transcripts or portfolio.

5 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

In order to be considered official, transcripts must be sent directly to SVA in an envelope stamped and sealed by a high school guidance department and/or registrar. Transcripts can be delivered by the applicant as long as they are in an unopened envelope stamped and sealed by the issuing institution.

Applicants who have completed a GED must submit official transcripts if they have attended high school, in addition to their official GED score report.

Transfer applicants who have not previously earned more than 24 credits at a regionally accredited college, including coursework in humanities and sciences, must submit official high school transcripts as verification of completing high school or its equivalent. Copies of course descriptions of classes taken at other colleges and universities can be helpful to the transfer review process.

International applicants are required to submit academic records that have been converted to their U.S. educational equivalents. For more information about transcripts from foreign institutions, see page 620.

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS
To be considered for admission, home-schooled applicants are required to submit transcripts, GED scores, and SAT/ACT test results. Official transcripts must be sumbitted from any high school attended in addition to the home school transcript.

6 COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants must submit official transcripts from each college or university attended. Any transcripts from foreign institutions must be officially translated into English and U.S. grading equivalencies (see page 620 for more information). For Transfer Applicant Guidelines, see page 618.

7 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Official SAT or ACT test scores should be sent to the School of Visual Arts by the testing agency or high school. Transfer applicants who have earned more than 24 credits at a regionally accredited college, including coursework in the humanities and sciences, do not need to submit SAT or ACT scores. International applicants are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores unless they have taken the test.

8 HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION AND ESSAY

The application for the Honors Program can be found in the back of this catalog. This program is for first-time freshmen only in specific majors.

9 SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS

To be considered for a scholarship, first-time freshmen must submit all admissions materials (including a digital portfolio on CD-R or uploaded to sva.sliderooms.com) postmarked by February 1, 2012. Transfer applicants must submit all admissions materials postmarked by March 1, 2012. For more information, see page 585.

10 COPY OF PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD

Permanent residents must submit a copy of their permanent resident card along with their other application materials in order to be considered for admission into School of Visual Arts.

11 DEMONSTRATION OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

In addition to the general admission requirements, all applicants whose primary language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English. The following are acceptable ways to demonstrate English proficiency:

- An official copy of an English Proficiency Exam score is required.
- A minimum score of 79 on the Internet-based version (213 on the computer-based version) of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). For information on taking the TOEFL, call 609.771.7100 or visit www.toefl.com.
- A minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). IELTS is jointly managed by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), the British Council, and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia. For information on taking the IELTS, call 626.564.2954.or visit www.ielts.org.

Applicants may be able to meet English proficiency requirements, on a case by case basis, by completing:

- One year of full-time liberal arts study at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university (including two semesters of English composition) with a minimum grade of B each semester.
- Graduation from a U.S. high school with at least two years of English with a minimum grade of B each semester.
- In both cases applicants may be asked to demonstrate English fluency through a phone interview.

Coursework taken in conjunction with English as a Second Language (ESL) is not accepted as proof of English proficiency.

12 DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF FINANCES

International applicants must demonstrate that they are financially capable of pursuing a course of study at SVA. For more information on declaration and verification of finances, see page 620.

ITEM	FRESHMAN APPLICANTS	TRANSFER APPLICANTS	INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN	INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER
1 **Application**	Required	Required	Required	Required
2 **Application Fee**	$50	$50	$50	$50
3 **Portfolio or Film Essay** (film reel is highly encouraged for film students)	Required	Required	Required	Required
4 **Statement of Intent**	Required	Required	Required	Required
5 **High School Transcripts**	Required	Not Required If applicant has earned more than 24 credits from previous institution.	Required	Not Required If applicant has earned more than 24 credits from previous institution.
6 **College Transcripts**	N/A	Required	N/A	Required
7 **Standardized Test Scores**	Required	Not Required If applicant has earned more than 24 credits from previous institution.	Optional	Optional If applicant has earned more than 24 credits from previous institution.
8 **Honors Program Application and Essay**	Optional	N/A	Optional	N/A
9 **Scholarship Materials**	Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA that adhere to the specified deadline will automatically be reviewed for scholarship.	Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA that adhere to the specified deadline will automatically be reviewed for scholarship.	Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA that adhere to the specified deadline will automatically be reviewed for scholarship.	Students with a minimum 3.0 GPA that adhere to the specified deadline will automatically be reviewed for scholarship.
10 **Copy of Permanent Resident card** Only for U.S. permanent residents.	Required	Required	N/A	N/A
11 **Demonstration of English Proficiency**	All applicants whose primary language is not English must submit demonstration of English proficency.	All applicants whose primary language is not English must submit demonstration of English proficency.	All applicants whose primary language is not English must submit demonstration of English proficency.	All applicants whose primary language is not English must submit demonstration of English proficency.
ITEMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY				
12 **Declaration and Verification of Finances**			Required	Required

Please note that all documents and portfolio items submitted become the property of SVA and will not be returned.