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ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

KALAMAZOO REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY
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EDUCATION FOR THE ARTS MISSION STATEMENT

Education for the Arts is a countywide program whose mission is to enhance arts education for all students in Kalamazoo County, making dance, music, theatre, visual, media and literary arts an essential part of comprehensive education.

GRANT PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The primary purpose of this grant program is to provide opportunities for K-12 students to explore or expand their artistic experiences. EFA recognizes that every child has the innate urge and capacity to be artistically expressive. An education that includes study of the arts requires students to draw upon their creative abilities and to deepen them, as well. The benefit is that creative thinking learned early lasts for a lifetime and can be applied in other endeavors.

“The process of studying and creating art in all of its distinct forms defines those qualities that are at the heart of education reform — creativity, perseverance, a sense of standards, and above all, a striving for excellence.”

Former U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard W. Riley

Appropriate projects for student scholarship grants are artistic study, practice, or performance. These may include for example, private instruction, workshops, classes or internships. Funds in this program will be awarded to eligible students for projects selected by EFA panelists that will improve students' appreciation, understanding and practice of the arts.

Projects must take place during the period of June 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. Final reports must be submitted by September 30, 2010.

WHO MAY APPLY

Any student in grades K-12 during the 2009-2010 school year whose legal residence is in the Kalamazoo RESA jurisdiction (Climax-Scotts Community Schools, Comstock Public Schools, Galesburg Augusta Community Schools, Gull Lake Community Schools, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Parchment School District, Portage Public Schools, Schoolcraft Community Schools or Vicksburg Community Schools.) **Students graduating in June of 2009 are not eligible to apply.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are available from school offices, community arts organizations, Education for the Arts office at (269)385-1521 or online at www.kresa.org/efa. Students may submit one application per school year. All applications must be signed by the student's parent/guardian, sponsor and/or school/organization official(s).

SPONSORING INFORMATION & AUTHORIZATION

Sponsors may include school officials, directors of community arts organizations, private teachers or other individuals knowledgeable about arts education opportunities.

GRANT WORKSHOP

EFA will offer an optional workshop to assist applicants in the preparation of their proposals on:

Thursday, January 08, 2009 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Kalamazoo RESA Service Center / 1819 E. Milham Rd

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by EFA at the Kalamazoo RESA Service Center **by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2009.** No faxed or late applications will be accepted.

FUNDING

Total awards of \$70,000 are planned, in amounts up to **\$500, \$1000 and \$2500 for advanced** students. Matching funds are not required, however, applications that document evidence of need or show a commitment of matching funds, in cash or in kind, will receive special consideration. Full funding of requests without any other sources of income will only be considered for applicants demonstrating financial need.

Grant funds may be used for:

- Participation in artist retreats, forums, workshops, institutes, internships, apprenticeships, mentorships, partnerships, university or college course work, private instruction or other artistic study.
- Tuition, registration fees
- Instrument / equipment rental
- Artist/consultant fees
 - Materials, supplies, texts
 - Transportation (excluding international travel), lodging, meals
 - Admission to arts events

Grant funds may not be used for:

- Purchase of equipment or musical instruments
 - Projects focusing on non-arts subject matter
 - Transportation costs associated with international travel expenses
 - Competitions

Awards will be made to the arts institute, school, studio or organization on behalf of the applicant.

Education for the Arts will provide a final report form to all grantees. The completed form must be returned no later than September 30, 2010.

Any questions concerning fund distribution should be directed to the Education for the Arts office.

The awarding of grants for this project is contingent on approval of funding requests.

REVIEW AND EVALUATION

All complete applications will be reviewed by an independent review panel which will make recommendations for funding.

Projects will be evaluated as follows:

Project Summary	
Objectives	60%
Project Quality	
Planning, Activities, and Time Line	
Evaluation	40%
Special Circumstances	
Budget	

The Kalamazoo County Consortium / Education for the Arts does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexuality, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, or disability in any of its programs or activities.

If you have questions, please contact:

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