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Education for the Arts

GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Grant (K-11 grade)

EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Career Path Grant (9-11th grade)

WHO MAY APPLY

Students in K-11th grade who attend a Kalamazoo County public, private or charter school. And K-11th grade home-schooled and virtual students who reside in Kalamazoo County.

Students may submit ONE of the following TWO grants per year: EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Grant or EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Career Path Grant

GRANT APPLICATION – IMPORTANT DATES

Applications are available online at: kresa.org/EFAgrant: December 1

DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of January. No late applications will be accepted.

Scholarship decisions announced: Mid-March

Scholarship funds must be used: June 1 – May 31

FUNDING: \$125,000 AVAILABLE IN BOTH STUDENT ARTS GRANT PROGRAMS ANNUALLY

The following organizations lessons/workshops/camps are NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- Kalamazoo Civic Theatre,
- Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
- The Gilmore Piano Festival

QUALIFIED USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds are for student arts activities, including: individual and group lessons, workshops, camps, internships/apprenticeships, or pre-college course work.

Average Grant Awards:

1. EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Grant (K-11 grade)
K-2: \$200 3rd-5th: \$300 6th-8th: \$400 9th-11th: \$500
2. EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Career Path Grant (9-11th grade): \$1,000

Grant Information to Research/Prepare Prior to Applying:

1. Students may request funds for ONE Arts project. If students are involved with multiple private lessons, camps etc. **Choose ONE project grant application.**
2. Gather info on the Organization's camp/workshop or the arts instructor providing you lessons.
3. Know the cost of your project: Examples: 24 lessons x \$75 per lesson = \$1,800 annually or One week workshop tuition - \$1,000 or Two week Summer Camp Fee - \$1,500.
4. EFA – Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Career Path Grant ONLY:
Prepare a sample of your artistic work.
 - Performing Arts and Time-Based Media Arts: 2-4 minute Video Recording downloaded to YouTube.
 - Video focused on the student applicant – preferably as a solo performer.
 - Musicians are encouraged to have a piano accompanist.
 - Visual Arts: 5-10 images of your work saved as PDFs or JPEGs.
 - Literary Arts – 3-5 pages of written work saved as a Word document or PDF.

Grant Application Tips:

1. Don't wait until the last day to prepare, apply and submit.
2. Draft your grant question answers in a word document. And cut and paste when your answer is ready.
3. Students: Share your enthusiasm and experience in the Arts.
4. Parents/Guardians/Adults: You can assist your child with the "Student Questions" but the reviewers want to hear the "child's voice". You have a "Parent Question" to add your perspective and info.
5. Parent email: Provide the email address that you check daily. Grant award info will be emailed to it.

Review and Evaluation:

All complete applications are reviewed by arts and arts education professionals. The independent review panels recommend funding amounts for each grant.

Thank you to the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation for funding the EFA Student Arts Grants!

If you have questions, please contact:

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