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Education for the Arts

## GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

### EFA-Irving S. Gilmore Student Artistic Equipment Grant (8-11th grade)

#### WHO MAY APPLY

Students in 8th-11th grade who attend a Kalamazoo County public, private or charter school. And 8-11th grade home-schooled and virtual students who reside in Kalamazoo County.

#### GRANT APPLICATION – IMPORTANT DATES

Applications are available online at: [kresa.org/EFAGrant](http://kresa.org/EFAGrant): December 1

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

Scholarship decisions announced: Late April

Scholarship funds must be used: June 1 – May 31 (of the following year).

#### FUNDING: \$30,000 AVAILABLE ANNUALLY

Grant funds are for purchase of artistic instruments or equipment only.

Grant funds may NOT be used for travel or research activities associated with these purchases. Funds may not be used to reimburse applicants for purchases made prior to the awarding of grants.

This is a ONE TIME ONLY grant.

If students are awarded an Artistic Equipment Grant they cannot apply again.

#### FUNDING IS PROVIDED IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

1. **Capping Grants** for purchases up to \$10,000. The grant amount will not exceed 50% of the total purchase price for a maximum award of \$5,000.

Family will provide “first money” paid to vendor. Grant funds will be paid to vendor/dealer with invoice of total purchase price less amount of family payment.

2. **EFA Equipment Lending Program** for equipment over \$10,000.

EFA will purchase the selected equipment/instrument and lend it to the student at no charge. Student must provide annual proof of continued private instruction and instrument maintenance.

The loan concludes upon high school graduation. At that time, the family may purchase the instrument from EFA at a discount from the original purchase price of up to 20% per year of use/participation in the program thru grade 12, in a total amount not to exceed 80% of the original purchase price.

For example, an instrument purchased for \$10,000 and used for one year would cost a family \$8,000. And if the maximum discount of 80% (four years use) – family cost is \$2,000.

**NOTE:** The above are general funding guidelines. Grant Panelists and EFA staff will determine if a successful applicant receives a Capping Grant or Lending Program. The decision will be based on the best financial outcome for the applicant.

### **Grant Information to Research/Prepare Prior to Applying:**

1. Work with your private instructor and/or school arts teacher to research and determine best equipment/instrument options for your artistic growth.
2. Test out the equipment/instruments you are interested in.
3. Get dealer quote(s) for the equipment/instruments
4. Obtain your Private Instructor Resume/Bio
5. Obtain Private Instructor statement that includes: Your history with instructor and how has/will assist in choosing instrument/equipment?
6. **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. 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 Equipment  
Grant Program!**

**If you have questions, please contact:**

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