

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
EFA GRANTS PROGRAMS



Irving S. Gilmore  
Student Artistic Equipment  
Scholarships

KALAMAZOO COUNTY ARTS  
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

KALAMAZOO REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY  
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STUDENT ARTISTIC EQUIPMENT PROGRAM**



**EDUCATION FOR THE ARTS MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The Irving S. Gilmore Student Artistic Equipment Program is designed to help meet the needs of highly-talented students in acquiring costly arts-related equipment not available through rental programs nor affordable for purchase. The Artistic Equipment Program offers two types of equipment support:

- I. Capping Grants for purchases up to \$5,000. The grant amount will not exceed 50% of the total purchase price for a maximum award of \$2,500. Funds will be disbursed to a recognized vendor/dealer when accompanied by documentation of purchase price.
- II. EFA Equipment Lending Program Upon recommendation of private teacher EFA will purchase the selected equipment/instrument at a cost up to \$10,000 and lend it to the student at no charge. Student must provide annual proof of continued private instruction and instrument maintenance.

At the conclusion of the loan period 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 \$8,000 and used for one year could be discounted as much as \$1,600; two years \$3,200, etc. Maximum discount \$6,400

**WHO MAY APPLY**

Highly-talented students currently enrolled in grades 6-11, 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). **Current high school seniors are not eligible to apply.**

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications are available online at [www.kresa.egrant.net](http://www.kresa.egrant.net) or [www.kresa.org/efa](http://www.kresa.org/efa). Students may submit one application per school year and receive only one award per school career.

**REQUIRED SUPPORTING MATERIALS**

- One-page letter of support from student's art teacher or private instructor.
- Letter of intent from parent/guardian.
- Student's work sample (video strongly recommended).

**PROGRAM WORKSHOP**

EFA may offer optional workshops to assist applicants in the preparation of their proposals. Please refer to the EFA website, [www.kresa.org/efa](http://www.kresa.org/efa), for workshop schedule.

**DEADLINE**

Applications must be submitted electronically to Education for the Arts by **11:59 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of February**. No late applications will be accepted.

## **FUNDING**

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.

Students may be awarded one Artistic Equipment Grant per school career.

All requests will be reviewed by a panel of knowledgeable community volunteers with expertise in the field.

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

## **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:

Artistic Accomplishment of Student	
Artistic Goals of Student	80%
Artistic Potential of Student	
Family Support	20%
Teacher Recommendation	

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If you have questions, please contact:

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