



ECAC/McKnight Student Scholarship

A program of the East Central Arts Council
Supporting artistic excellence in youth!

Grant Application & Guidelines

Deadline: March 1, 2009

Funding for this program is provided through The McKnight Foundation.

These guidelines and the application form are available in rtf or pdf versions online at the ECAC website www.region7erdc.org, by computer disk (cd), by e-mail attachment with a request to ecac@ecrdc.org or can be made available in the following alternative formats: Braille, large print, or audio tape.

ECAC/McKnight K-12 Art Scholarship Guidelines – please keep for reference

About the Program

The East Central Arts Council (ECAC) determined that our region has many young, talented, and energetic artists deserving acknowledgment. As a result, the ECAC, with funding through The McKnight Foundation, decided to offer these gifted young artists a Scholarship opportunity to assist their promising futures as artists. The East Central Arts Council is pleased to offer Scholarships in amounts not to exceed \$500 to any student in high school, middle school, or elementary school intending to enhance their artistic talents. The student must live in one the following counties: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs or Pine in Minnesota. This is not a Scholarship program for college credits nor is it meant to replace regular artistic classes/training for homeschooled children. This funding is targeted to special art projects or programs for kids.

Primary considerations for reviewing applications will be artistic quality and merit of the proposed project, and the student artist's goals and (age appropriate) artistic background.

Basic Guidelines

All young artists in grades Kindergarten through 12th who strive to improve their artistic abilities can apply. Application materials are attached to these guidelines. This is a competitive program however we do want to hear from the students, in their own words, why they want to enhance their artistic abilities.

The program provides at least one student award under this program. The award is based on a competitive review of submitted applications by the ECAC. Applications must be for a specific art project that will advance the skills of the student in their particular art form. The Arts Council is interested in funding projects such as training with a mentor or summer art programs such as a music or visual art camp. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2009.

The maximum award is **\$500**. The postmark deadline for application is **March 1, 2009**. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2009. Applications should be filled out using the ECAC rtf computer file (or a typewriter) and cannot be submitted by facsimile or e-mail. Visit the ECAC website at www.region7erdc.org for the application file or e-mail ecac@ecrdc.org.

Artists of any art form are welcome (i.e. dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literature, local arts organizations or presenters, media arts, multidisciplinary, music, theater, visual arts, and performing arts.)

Employees and contractors of the East Central Arts Council or East Central Regional Development Commission (EC RDC), members of the ECAC or EC RDC Scholarship selection committee and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for Scholarships.

Acceptance of a Scholarship allows the East Central Arts Council to use the student's name, photograph and testimonials in print, broadcast or online in connection with promoting this Scholarship, or any other of our grant programs, without further notice.

Other Rules and Regulations

By participating in this competition, you agree that the East Central Arts Council and the East Central Regional Development Commission and those involved in the development, production, implementation and distribution of this scholarship program and their directors, employees, and any other person or entity associated with such entities and/or this project (hereafter collectively called the "Sponsors") are not liable for any claims, damages, losses or injuries, including third party claims, arising from or relating to, in whole or in part, this scholarship, including your entry and participation in this scholarship competition, the submission of your application package, the evaluation of your application package, acceptance, use or misuse of the Scholarship or any injury to you or any other person's computer related to or resulting from downloading or receiving via return e-mail any part of this scholarship information.

You further agree that you will not hold the East Central Arts Council and the East Central Regional Development Commission, their affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and any other person or entity associated with ECAC/EC RDC liable for any claims, losses, damages or injuries, arising from or relating to this scholarship, you will indemnify Sponsors from any and all such claims. Sponsors shall not be liable for applications that are delayed, lost, misdirected, misdelivered, marked postage-due, illegible, mutilated, incorrect or incomplete and such entries will not be eligible for this competition.

Disbursement of Scholarships

Notification of grant award to artists recommended for funding from the East Central Arts Council will occur by May 15, 2009.

The Scholarship award (check) is issued jointly to the Scholarship recipient and the art program or artistic mentor he/she elects to work with (or parent, if more appropriate.) Prior to receipt of the award, the recipient must notify the Arts Council in writing of acceptance of the award and provide verification of their enrollment in the awarded program

Questions?

For additional or electronic copies of this application packet or the RAC Data Collection Form, for more information, or to submit the application (hard copy) use this address:

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