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ART STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH GRANTS

Fiscal Year 2019 Guidelines

Effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

The grants described in this guide are dependent on appropriations to the SW MN Arts Council from the State's arts & cultural heritage fund.

Grants to individuals are taxable income. Applicants who need further information are encouraged to contact a tax preparer.

Deadline:

4:30 pm, April 3, 2019 (earliest project start date: May 15, 2019)

The start date for a SMAC grant is defined as the point at which the project is set in motion (e.g. rehearsals, advertising and public notification, payment of fees, ordering and/or paying for supplies or printed material, etc.). **No funds can be expended prior to the project start date.** Funds spent before the project start date, such as a deposit on a contract, cannot be included in the grant project budget.

Program Intent & Eligibility

The intent of the Art Study Opportunity for Youth grant is to allow students entering grades 5-12 in Fall 2019 to study their chosen artform with a practicing professional artist or attend an arts workshop, series of classes, or special training opportunity. This grant program is designed to aid in the development of young artists.

All arts disciplines are accepted. Artistic areas include: dance, literature, media arts, music, theatre and visual arts. Preference will be given to students who have some experience in their chosen art form.

The project must address specific training as opposed to unrestricted support. Standard weekly lessons (such as piano or voice lessons) are allowed only for those students who qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program.

Eligibility: The Art Study Opportunity for Youth grant program is open to any permanent resident in the eighteen counties of the SMAC service region, who has lived in the region for at least six months, and who has no outstanding final reports due to the SW MN Arts Council.

Immediate family members of SMAC Board members and SMAC staff are ineligible to apply for this grant program.

The following are NOT eligible for Art Study Opportunity for Youth grants:

- Participation in a school or organization band or choir trip.
- Applications that support strictly commercial activities; projects intended for mass-market distribution or those that have profit as the primary motive.
- Projects that include publishing that is initiated solely by the applicant (i.e., vanity press)
- Credits or materials necessary to fulfill degree requirements for students.
- Equipment requests not specifically tied to the proposed project.
- Applications from immediate family members of the SMAC Board, SMAC staff, or current individual artist grant panelists.

Grant Amount: Up to \$500 in funding, no match required

Review Criteria

The grant review panel will score your application based on:

- the overall excellence of work and demonstration of exceptional talent
- evidence of serious commitment
- project's contribution to the student's artistic growth
- outcome evaluation

The panel's evaluation scoresheet is available on the SMAC website. Read more about the grant review process in the SMAC's general grant guidelines.