

Scoring Criteria: Art Study Opportunity for Youth FY2024

Excellence of Work, 50% of total score

- The application shows that the student's past activities and studies in this art form have been significant for their age level and were of high artistic quality.
- The applicant demonstrates a desire to challenge themselves artistically and describes past instances in which they did so.
- The work samples submitted clearly show excellence and promise in the artistic discipline presented.

Project's Contribution to Student's Growth, 50% of total score

- The study opportunity as described is well-planned and financially feasible.
- The chosen mentor/study opportunity has high artistic merit, proven by the materials provided.
- The study opportunity has the potential to strengthen the student's skills in this art form.
- The applicant has a high level of commitment to the study opportunity.
- The applicant articulates how they want to grow through this study opportunity.

Priority Points

Applicants will also be awarded one additional percentage point for each of the following criteria they meet:

- First time SMAC applicant
- Applicant from an underserved/underrepresented community
 - People who are Black, Indigenous, or other people of color (BIPOC). In the SW MN region, this could include those who are Black, Dakota/Lakota, Hispanic/Latinx, Hmong, Karen, Micronesian, Somali, etc.
 - People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual, or two-spirit (LGBTQIA2+).
 - People with disabilities
- Applicant from a county that has received three or fewer SMAC grants in the last fiscal year