Des Plaines Arts Council
Guidelines for Scholarships

Eligibility

- All students applying must have a Des Plaines postal address
- Students who have been awarded a scholarship will not be eligible two consecutive years
- Applications will be judged in two age categories:
  - 4th through the 8th grade – Maximum award $250
  - 9th through the 12th grade – Maximum award $500
- Scholarships are to be used for tuition to study the fine, performing or literary arts. Eligible programs include, but are not limited to, freshman college tuition, specialized training, private lessons, summer camps or special programs in any facet of the fine, performing or literary arts.

Application

Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Final selection will be made by the Des Plaines Arts Council Scholarship Committee.
Selection is **NOT** based on financial need.
All scholarships are awarded on the basis of the original information submitted (see reverse side for details). Any changes in plans after the original application is accepted may make the student ineligible.
All applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2014.

Process

Students who have been awarded a scholarship will be notified on or around May 1, 2014. Checks will be sent to the school or program, not directly to the student or parent, except in the case of college tuition. It is the responsibility of the student to provide appropriate billing information to the Arts Council, including the scholarship recipient's social security number.

For further information or additional scholarship forms, contact Donna Catlett at Des Plaines City Hall, (847) 391-5301 or Linda Traina at the Des Plaines Park District, (847) 391-5700.

Completed scholarship applications should be sent to
Linda Traina
Des Plaines Arts Council
2222 Birch Street
Des Plaines, IL 60018
OR
Email the completed application with attachments to Linda at LTraina@DPParks.org.

Reminder: Applications will not be considered if any portion of the application is missing.

2014 Des Plaines Arts Council
Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Name_____

Address _____

City**:** **Des Plaines** ____ Zip _____ **Date of Birth**____/_____/____

Phone _____ Email Address_____

Current School Information

School Name_____

Address of School _____

City _____State _____Zip _____

School Phone _____Current Grade Level_____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name_____

Address _____City**:** **Des Plaines** ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email Address_____

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Applicant's Signature Parent/Guardian's Signature

Selection is NOT based on financial need, but on submission of the following. Please attach:

1) **A list of all previous experience/involvement (community/school)in literary, performing, or fine arts activities – earliest to present;**
2) **A letter of reference from a teacher/instructor or other arts professional who has personal knowledge of your literary, performing, or fine arts activities;**
3) **An essay, not to exceed one page – (typed or legibly printed), written by the applicant, describing your reasons for being involved in the literary, performing, or fine arts. (Why did you choose this area? What do you like about participating in this activity?)**
4) **The details of the program to which you are applying the scholarship. Include the name and description of the program, costs, length of the program and your personal reasons for attending the program.**

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