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| Wood Family Summer Arts Scholarship |
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**Application Instructions**

Before preparing this application, please review the criteria outlined on this page.

**Application due March 15, 2025**

**Criteria:** Two scholarships of up to $1,500 each are available for high school students to help attend summer camps, intensives, or programs that explore an artistic discipline (some examples are: Interlochen, Drum Corps International, American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive, Western Michigan University Seminar, Art Institute of Chicago Early College Summer Institute, etc.) One scholarship will be awarded to a student attending any school in Berrien County. The second will give preference to a Lakeshore High School student. For particularly expensive/prestigious programs, both scholarships may be awarded to one individual. Candidates must demonstrate commitment to their chosen art form, as well as demonstrate financial need.

High school level students are eligible (incoming 9th through incoming 12th grade students). This is a non-renewable scholarship, but students may reapply to receive the scholarship more than once.

Artistic Disciplines that would be considered include but are not limited to: Instrumental and Vocal Music; Dance; Visual Arts such as Painting, Sculpting, and Photography; and Theater Arts such as Acting, Directing, and Costume Design.

**To complete your application, provide information in the following order:**

* Application Form
* TYPED Answers to the following questions:
  + What type of art are you passionate about exploring at your summer arts program and why are you

passionate about it?

* + What do you hope to learn through your experience at the summer arts program?
* Proof of acceptance letter to summer arts program or description of camp if acceptance letter/invoice is not available for the summer program prior to deadline date.
* Letter of Recommendation including one letter from:
  + **Arts instructor** (at school and/or private) addressing the applicant’s ability to attain his/her goals in the field of art they are exploring and a summary of the student’s commitment to/interest in the art form.

Students will be notified by the Foundation regarding scholarship recipients. The scholarship will be paid directly to the camp on the students’ behalf.

**Application Information**

Must be typed.

**Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Primary Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Cell Phone:** Click here to enter text.

**Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Email**: Click here to enter text.

**Date of Birth** (mm/dd/yyyy):

**Parent/Guardian 1 Name:**

**Parent/Guardian 1 Occupation:**

**Parent/Guardian 2 Name:**

**Parent/Guardian 2 Occupation:**

**Primary Parent/Guardian Phone:**       **Primary Parent/Guardian Email:**      

**Camp Attending:**       **Have you been accepted into the camp?**

**Grade you are currently in school** (e.g., 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th):

**High school you will attend next year**:

**In the table below, list your experience and any performances, showings, festivals or fairs in which you have participated. Also list any awards or leadership roles you have earned in your artistic discipline.**

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| **School/Class/Instructor/Performance/**  **Fair/Festival/Showing/Award** | **Year(s)**  **Participated** | **Details.** |
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Questions for Applicants

**In a few sentences each, answer the following questions:**

1. What type of art are you passionate about exploring at your summer arts program and why are you passionate about it?
2. What do you hope to learn through your experience at the summer arts program?

**Financial Need**

**What is the total cost of the program you wish to attend?**

**Have you applied for a scholarship from the program you wish to attend?**

* **Yes**
* **No**

**If yes, how much were you offered? (if you have not heard a final decision, please write “Pending”)**

**If the Wood Family Summer Arts Scholarship does not cover the full cost,**

**how will you fund the rest?**

**Is there anything else you would like us to know about your financial situation?**

**Signatures**

This page cannot be submitted electronically. You must submit a hard copy.

**Certification:**

I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, it is for the purpose of attending summer arts camp. In the event that I do not attend summer arts camp, or receive other financial assistance that covers the cost in its entirety, I will relinquish my claim to the award in order that another student could receive the aid. I also acknowledge that distribution of all scholarships is contingent upon the funds being available.

This scholarship, like all scholarships awarded through the Berrien Community Foundation, is made at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Berrien Community Foundation Board of Trustees reserves the right to rescind any or all of this scholarship due to unanticipated circumstances.

**Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Permission to Release Information:**

We accept the terms of this scholarship program and permission is granted to the Berrien Community Foundation to seek verification of any information provided in this application from any source, for review by the officers and trustees of the Foundation or any other person authorized by the Foundation. We hereby release from liability any person submitting information to the Foundation for use in the selection of scholarship recipients.

**Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Questions?**

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