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Senator John A. DeFrancisco's Young Artist Program

Students: K-12 Grades

Deadline Dates: October 15, 2008
December 10, 2008
February 10, 2009
Spring TBA

Return Applications to: Mark J. Wright
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The Senator John A. DeFrancisco Young Artist Program

Program Description and Deadline

The purpose of the program is to support young people in grades K-12 in their artistic development by giving some financial assistance in the areas of Portfolio Development, Ongoing or Advanced Study, Summer Intensive Programs and Honorariums to pay for transportation, hotel, and/or entrance fees for special competitions or programs. Funding is to be used to further the education of young gifted students who are already in training and to benefit beginning students by increasing their exposure.

Eligibility: K-12 Grades

Students must demonstrate a definite talent in the area of arts and culture. There are four areas through which aspiring artists and their parents may apply: Special achievement honorarium, Portfolio Development, Advanced/Ongoing Study, Summer Intensives.

Please note: Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis... **However, it is important to realize the October 15 round will target Portfolio Development.** Requests for others will be considered but may not be enacted until the December round. It is important to talk with the Grants Director about your needs and time lines prior to applying. Checks when disbursed will be made out in most cases to the institution, mentor or parent.

Application Procedure and What your Application Packet Contains:

- Part A: Vital Statistics page to be filled in and signed by applicant and parent- Information on applicant
- Part B: list of questions and support material needed from the applicant and sponsor, and descriptions of the four categories and amounts available.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

How to obtain applications- Visit www.cspot.org, look under "Youth Grants" and download, or by calling the CRC general line, 315-435-2155 and request an application mailed to you.

Can I call for help? Yes you can call the Cultural Resources Council's Grants and Program Director at 315-435-2158 or 607-745-5810.

What programs are available for students to attend?

- **Local Programs:** Everson Museum, Paul Robeson Performing Arts Center, Community Folk Art Center, Syracuse University Summer Intensive for Visual Arts and Dance, Children's Chorus, Private Instructors, Signature Band, CNY Jazz Arts Foundation Camp, Summerfame, YMCA Summer Camp Program.

- **Outside of Onondaga County:** Open Jar, Mansfield Theatre Camp, Tanglewood Institute, S.U. Dance and Visual Arts Intensive, Alvin Ailey Summer Dance Intensive, Interlochen, Litchfield Jazz Program etc.

We will provide teachers and parents with a resource list in the near future.

Key points for the application: Please indicate in the narrative:

- **Student is a beginner-** Never formally trained, but has potential
- **Student is intermediate-** Some formal training
- **Student is advanced-** Several years of formal training.

Financial Limitations: will it be a hardship on the family to continue the students training without some financial assistance? (parents and/or teachers)

Support Letters: Letters from teachers, mentors and sponsors should reflect the potential of the student's abilities in a specific discipline. Please include an honest critical evaluation of the student and how they have progressed in their art-form.

Student Letter: We would like the student to tell us in their own words how they will benefit from this opportunity and why are the arts important to their life. (Note: Obviously elementary students will need assistance with this letter.) The letter should not exceed one page.

Decisions: Note: This is a competitive process, and decisions will be made by a panel of professional artists and arts administrators.

Note: Payments will be made directly to the instructors, studios, organizations attended by the student.

Questions: Mark J. Wright, Grants and Program Director, 411 Montgomery St. Civic Center, Syracuse, NY 13202 315-435-2158-Direct Line 607-745-5810-Cell