

Arts Ambassador Scholarship Program

The Arts Ambassador Scholarship Program 2019 offers \$500 scholarships to support young artists for education in the artistic field of their choice (Music, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, and Literary Arts). This scholarship is available to current 5th- 11th grade students. The scholarship will be awarded directly towards the education for the chosen art field and may be used for private instruction, workshops, and/or summer study.

Enspire Arts believes in building community through the sharing of artistic expression and encourages youth to reach out and positively impact those in their community. As a recipient of a scholarship, one agrees to “gift” some of their art as an art ambassador to the community. The project is an accomplishment that exhibits a meaningful and positive contribution to the community of Clark County. All work must be family friendly and suitable for all ages. The project draft must be submitted by Sept. 20, 2019 and be approved by Enspire Arts. The “gift” project examples might be, but not limited to:

- providing music at a senior center, schools, markets, or other public spaces
- gifting photography for a family in need
- donating art or photography for display in library, schools, homeless shelter, etc.
- dance performances and/or workshops for students
- peer tutoring in the chosen art form
- public reading of written work

Eligibility

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents of the U.S. residing in Clark County, WA.
- Current 5th- 11th grade students may apply.
- All applicants if selected must be available for a personal interview on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm (TBA).
- Any incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please ensure all elements on the application form are fully completed- signatures, essay, two letters of recommendation (signed), etc.
- The recipients must be available to attend, with one parent or guardian, the annual Enspire Arts gala held on Saturday, October 5, 2019.
- The recipients of Arts Ambassador Scholarship Program must complete and present the final projects by May 31, 2020.
- If there is a significant financial need, the applicant may choose to share with the scholarship committee and how the scholarship will benefit you.

Scholarship Awards

Each recipient will be awarded with a \$500 scholarship towards the education of chosen field of arts.

Application Submission

Applications will be accepted between Mar. 1, 2019 and Apr. 30, 2019. Complete the application through Enspire Arts website along with two letters of recommendation.

Essay

In addition to the application and letters of recommendation, the applicants must submit a written essay (approx. 250 words) or a five-minute video saying a few words about why they would love to be an Arts Ambassador and what their chosen field of arts study means to them. The video can be uploaded to a social media channel, such as YouTube, Facebook, etc., and the links to the video can be submitted via email to debbie@enspirearts.org.

Letters of Recommendation Guideline

All applicants must submit two letters of recommendation and it could be written by a recent teacher, counselor or community leader, at least one of which must be a current teacher of the applicant. The letters must be typed (no hand-written letters will be accepted) including the following information.

- The applicant's full name
- Writer's signature, full name, title, institution, contact information (including email address, mailing address, and telephone number)
- Writer's relationship to the applicant
- Specific information about the applicant- personal characteristics, performance, experience, strengths, capabilities, etc.

Deadline

All applications, including letters of recommendation and essay, must be submitted by April 30, 2019.

Notification

The scholarship recipients will be announced by email on May 24, 2019.

Confidentiality

All information submitted to the Arts Ambassador Program in this application is kept strictly confidential and is not shared with any entity outside of Enspire Arts Board Members and Scholarship Review Committee.

Retention of Records

Enspire Arts will keep a file under the name of each scholarship recipient containing the following materials: the original application, recommendations and supporting documentation as required by application, correspondence and documentation concerning enrollment and evidence of good standing from the educational institution, and a copy of completion for the instructions paid by scholarship award; ledger records showing amount of award and date paid to educational institution and purpose of the award. Enspire Arts will retain the forms and records completed by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

If you have any questions, please email debbie@enspirearts.org.