



Arts Ambassador Scholarship Application Information & Program Guidelines

The Arts Ambassador Scholarship Program is a youth arts leadership program designed to support the development of young artists through scholarship, mentorship, and youth philanthropy. Each aspect is a vital component of what makes our program unique within the state of Washington. By participating, you are engaging in an opportunity to grow as an individual and a community leader.

Scholarship: Each selected Arts Ambassador receives a \$650 scholarship to support study 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 must be used solely for the purpose of education and will be awarded for study in the chosen art field. The scholarship may be used for private instruction, workshops, classes, and/or summer study. The scholarship will be paid directly to the private instructor or educational institution of choice.

Mentorship: Each selected Arts Ambassador will be paired with a community mentor from the arts sector who will serve as a guide and support for the Ambassador throughout the year. The mentor will help support each Ambassador as they design and implement their community project.

Youth Philanthropy: 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 share 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.

Sample Projects: Community projects might be, but are not limited to:

- School Visits to encourage young students to participate in the arts
- Designing after-school programs for underserved youth
- Dance performances and/or workshops for students
- Providing music at a senior center, schools, markets, or other public spaces
- Donating art or photography for display in libraries, schools, community centers, private businesses, etc.
- 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.
- Any incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Please ensure all elements of the application are fully completed
 - Completed Application Form
 - Two Letters of Recommendation
 - 250 word essay or video submission included with application
 - Mandatory Dates are saved in your calendar
 - All materials submitted by April 30, 2026

Mandatory dates and deadlines

Attendance is REQUIRED to the following meetings and events.

- Sunday afternoon, May 17, 2026 2-6pm - Personal interviews for selected applicants.
- Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2026 2pm - Orientation for selected applicants.
- Enspire Extravaganza: TBD Late Feb, Early March 2027
- May 30, 2027 - End of Year Celebration 3-4pm
- May 31, 2027 - FiNAL deadline for project completion
- Any other required dates will be shared at Orientation

How to Apply:

- The application online portal can be found on our website: www.enspirearts.org
- [Online Application Form](#)
 - Be sure to include your 250 word essay or short video (3 min) saying a few words about why you would love to be an Arts Ambassador and what your chosen field of arts study means to you.
- [Online Letter of Recommendation Portal](#)
 - All applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. 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. Please share the online portal with your recommender of choice.
 - Letters of recommendation should include 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, commitment to community, etc.
- **Deadline:** Ensure all application materials are submitted by April 30, 2026.

Notification

Step 1: After the application deadline, selected applicants will be invited to an interview.

Step 2: After the interviews are completed, selected applicants will be invited to attend orientation.

Step 3: After Orientation, attendees have the opportunity to accept or decline the invitation to participate for one year as an Enspire Arts Ambassador.

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, photos and videos from Ambassador projects and Enspire Arts events, copies of instructional invoices ; ledger records showing amount of award and date paid to the 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 artsambassador@enspirearts.org