



ARTS FOR LIFE! 2009-2010 Scholarship Application

Arts for Life! annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to 25 graduating high school seniors who demonstrate excellence in visual art, music, dance, drama or creative writing. Launched by former First Lady Columba Bush in 1999, the program has awarded scholarships to more than 200 gifted high school seniors.

Application Period: October 1, 2009 – February 1, 2010.

Eligibility:

Students who are graduating from a public or private school or a home education program in Florida in the Spring of 2010.

Application Process:

Students must submit a completed application, a brief essay explaining “How the arts have positively influenced my life” and a portfolio of work in visual art, music, dance, drama or creative writing. Application packages must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2010 and mailed to:

Foundation for Excellence in Education
Arts for Life!
P.O. Box 536128
Orlando, Florida 32853-6128

Selection Process:

A committee of judges for each of the five disciplines, comprised of respected experts, reviews and scores the students’ essays and work samples. Students with the top scores in each discipline are awarded a scholarship. Winning seniors will be notified in the Spring of 2010.

Award Process:

Scholarships will be awarded to winners at a luncheon in their honor. Recipients are invited to perform or exhibit their artwork during the event.

More Information:

For more information, please contact Lisa Kammel Raguso, *Arts for Life! Scholarship Program* Director, at (850) 345-6284 or Lisa@ExcellinEd.org.

General Guidelines

Portfolio:

- Content must be appropriate for general audiences. Submissions with nudity or profanity may be disqualified if deemed in poor taste.
- Content must be original and current (less than one year old).
- All materials must be labeled with applicant's name.
- Submitted portfolios will not be returned to applicants.

Essay, "How the arts have positively influenced my life," must be:

- Labeled with applicant's name at the top,
- 500 or less words, and
- Typed double-spaced in standard font, such as Times New Roman, 12 point or larger, on white letter sized paper (8½ x 11).

Completed application must be signed by a parent, teacher and principal to indicate approval of the content of the portfolio and essay. Teacher and principal signatures are not required for home education students.

Resume may list employment, extra-curricular activities, volunteer activities and awards.

Photograph of applicant must be:

- Labeled with applicant's name on the back,
- Wallet size, and
- Either a print or a JPEG or TIF format on a CD-Rom.

Application Checklist

A completed application includes:

- Originals of the items listed below plus three copies collated and stapled in the upper left hand corner:
 - Application Form with parent, teacher and principal signatures
 - Artist Release Form signed by the applicant
 - Resume
 - Essay
- One photograph stapled or clipped to the original application or enclosed on a CD-Rom.
- Portfolio of work

**** Applications that are incomplete or submitted in a folder or three-ring binder will be disqualified.**

Portfolio Requirements

Visual Art: All forms of visual art are eligible, such as drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography and mixed media. Film or TV production are not eligible at this time.

Parameters:

- Do not send original artwork.
- Provide five images of different artwork from the current or most recent school year on slides or a CD-Rom.

Format:

- 35 mm slides in 2" x 2" mounts in transparent plastic sleeves or CD-Rom with images.
 - Write applicant's name on each slide and indicate the top of the slide. Do not tape or attach labels to slides.
 - Save images on a CD-Rom as a JPG or TIF file and label each image with applicant's name and title of artwork.
- Enclose a sheet of paper with the following information for each piece:
 - Applicant's Name
 - Title of work
 - Dimensions
 - Medium
 - Date created

Music: Instrumental and vocal performances are eligible.

Parameters:

- Provide two contrasting pieces.
 - Instrumentalists may select a movement from a larger work or portion of a single-movement work.
- Up to 5 minutes for each performance.
- Performance should show command of technique (e.g., appropriate tone, expression, style, and performance skills).
- Before the performance begins, state your name and the name of the pieces you are performing.
- Electronically enhanced performances will not be considered.
- Group performances will not be considered.
- Appropriate accompaniment is allowable.

Format:

- Provide performances on CD or DVD.
- Provide written score with original music.
- Label CD or DVD with:
 - Applicant's name
 - Instrument or voice
 - Name of selection
 - Date recorded

Dance: Forms of dance, such as ballet, modern, jazz and hip hop are eligible. Ballroom dancing and figure skating are not eligible at this time.

Parameters:

- Provide two contrasting pieces.
- Up to 5 minutes maximum.
- May be original choreography by applicant or any other choreographer.
- Before the performance begins, state your name and the name of the pieces you are performing.
- Costumes are not allowed.
- Group performance pieces will not be considered.

Format:

- Provide performances on DVD.
- Camera should be fixed and stationary with full body visibility.
- Film against a neutral background.
- Label DVD with:
 - Applicant's name
 - Dance genre
 - Date recorded

Drama: The drama category encompasses theatrical performances, musical theatrical performances and theater set/costume designers.

Parameters:

- For set designers, provide images and written descriptions and a DVD of the designs in a production.
- For performers, provide two contrasting pieces, either:
 - Two monologues or
 - One monologue and a piece that showcases singing voice and, if applicable, movement, dance and choreography.
- Up to 5 minutes maximum.
- Before the performance begins, state your name and the name of the pieces you are performing.
- Costumes are not allowed.
- Group performances will not be considered.

Format:

- Provide performances on DVD.
- Camera should be fixed and stationary with full body visibility.
- Film against a neutral background.
- Label DVD with:
 - Applicant's name
 - Name of selections
 - Date recorded

Creative Writing: Four forms of creative writing are eligible, including creative nonfiction, playwriting, poetry and short story. Applicants may submit a portfolio in only one category.

Creative Nonfiction: 16 or less pages

- Up to three creative nonfiction prose pieces, including memoirs, literary journalism and personal essays. Submissions that resemble term papers, book reports or specific class assignments will not be considered.

Playwriting: 16 or less pages

- Up to three scripts for dramatic performance in any medium, including excerpts of scripts that include a brief description of the complete work and how the excerpt fits into the whole piece.

Short Story: 16 or less pages

- Up to three short stories.

Poetry: 10 pages

- Up to six poems.

Format for all creative writing portfolios:

- Typed single-spaced in standard font, such as Times New Roman, 12 point or larger, on white letter sized paper (8½ x 11), using only the front side of each page.
- Stapled in the upper left hand corner and not placed in any type of binder or folder.
- Label each piece with:
 - Applicant's name
 - Title of the piece
 - Date written



The following individuals certify approval of suitability of content submitted for general audiences. A parental signature is sufficient for home education students.

Student: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Principal: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____



Artist Release Form

The Foundation for Excellence in Education, shall have the right to reproduce, exhibit, and otherwise use the submitted work, in whole or in part, in any manner whatsoever in all media without limitations. A parent/guardian signature is necessary if the subject is under the age of eighteen.

Artist Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

The release must be signed by a parent or guardian of the applicant. (Please print).

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

The release is entered into with my agreement and consent.

Signature: _____

Date: _____