

Deerfield High School Friends of the Arts Application for Fine Arts Student Program Assistance

Return Completed Application to Room I-107, Attn: Lisa Johnson

The Deerfield High School Friends of the Arts (FOA) may provide financial assistance to individual DHS Fine Arts students who would otherwise be unable to participate in certain arts programs or activities, such as workshops or lessons outside of DHS, travel for the purpose of performance or exhibition, or travel for the advancement of arts education.

The amount of this individual program assistance will usually be limited to 50% of the program/activity cost. For student travel or trips, program assistance will usually be limited to \$350 per occurrence. Student Program Assistance Applications must be completed and returned by the following deadlines:

- Applications for DHS travel/trips in the second semester must be received by FOA prior to the winter break.
- Applications related to first semester travel/trips should be received by FOA at least one (1) months prior to such travel or trip.
- Applications for summer program assistance must be received by FOA on or before May 1.
- Applications for private lessons/instruction assistance must be received by FOA prior to the lessons/ instruction.

NOTE: All Applications for Student Program Assistance must include the signatures of the program teacher, a parent or guardian, as well as a student signature.

STUDENT NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FINE ARTS PROGRAM/ACTIVITY: _____

DATE(S) OF PROGRAM/ACTIVITY: _____ LOCATION: _____

PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR NAME (if applicable) :

COST: (check if one-time () or weekly ())

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I am aware that this student is in need of Program Assistance and that this application has been submitted.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

This student is enrolled in Fine Arts at DHS and has applied for FOA Program Assistance in order to participate in the stated program or activity.

FACULTY SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**** FOA use only _____ ****

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All requests are confidential

FRIENDS OF THE ARTS STUDENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE GENERAL INFORMATION

A primary goal of the Deerfield High School Friends of the Arts (FOA) is to help students advance in their Fine Arts studies. Accordingly, FOA may provide Program Assistance to students who need additional financial support in order to participate in District 113 Fine Arts activities and instruction. All Program Assistance is confidential, need-based and dependent upon available FOA funds, which are derived from donations. Since our resources are limited, assistance given to students who do not genuinely need it impacts our ability to help those who cannot participate, or who struggle to participate, without our support.

Program Assistance may be available for programs/activities such as:

- Band, Choral, Dance, Orchestra or Theatre trips
- Required or recommended private instruction in vocal, instrumental or visual art studies
- Summer programs sponsored, required or recommended by District 113 Faculty

Subject to Committee approval, FOA determines the final amount of any student Program Assistance given. This amount is contingent upon both the number of applications received by FOA and the available FOA funds at the time.

The amount of student Program Assistance is usually limited to 50% of the program/activity costs. Assistance for private lessons is paid by FOA directly to the instructor. Program Assistance for student travel will usually be limited to \$350. These funds are distributed to the co-signing DHS Fine Arts faculty member (Band, Chorus, Dance, Orchestra, Theatre, Technical or Visual Arts) and are held in the student's name in payment for the specified travel or trip.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Student should obtain form from the website (www.friendsofthearts.org), from their teacher, or from **Lisa Johnson in Room I-107**.
- Both the student and a parent/guardian must read the Guidelines for Program Assistance , then complete and sign the application.
- Upon completion of the application, the student will ask her/his Fine Arts teacher to sign the application.
- Student then returns the signed Application to Lisa Johnson in Room I-107, who will forward it to Gayle Meyers, FOA Scholarship Chair, for FOA approval.
- The student will be notified via email from FOA Chair of FOA funding decision.

STUDENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

- **ONLY STUDENTS WHO TRULY NEED ASSISTANCE SHOULD APPLY.** Our resources are limited and we must be able to help those students who otherwise would be unable to participate.
- Students must personally complete the “Application for Fine Arts Student Program Assistance” form.
- A separate Application form is needed for each request for assistance. (A series of lessons is considered as one request.) All applications are confidential.
- Program Assistance for private lessons is given only to students who are enrolled in the related DHS Fine Arts classes at the time the assistance is granted.
- FOA determines the amount of assistance, and this amount may be affected by both the number of applications received by FOA and the availability of FOA funds.
- Applications for individual lessons/instruction are due in advance of those lessons. Applications for summer program assistance are due on or before May 1.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL/TRIP ASSISTANCE

- Any student whose parent or guardian is acting as chaperone for a trip is ineligible to receive program assistance for that trip.
- If there is more than one trip/travel opportunity available in a given year, the student will need to determine which one (1) trip most demands financial support. FOA may be unable to provide travel/trip Program Assistance to an individual student more than once in an academic year.
- Applications for DHS travel/trips in the second semester are due to FOA prior to winter break.
- Applications for DHS travel/trips in the first semester are due to FOA at least one (1) month prior to that travel/trip. Requests for exceptions to these deadlines should be made through the appropriate Fine Arts faculty.