



Fostering the Arts Scholarship Application

We are grateful that generous members of our community have joined with Fostering the Arts, Inc to create a scholarship program to support families with financial need. These funds will also be available to the foster children that participate in our program. We recognize that program fees may constitute a significant burden for some students and their families and those additional scholarship opportunities may help to offset some or all of the costs of these extracurricular activities. The Fostering the Arts Scholarship Fund, which will be managed by a board of directors, will provide financial support to students with a demonstrated financial need or who are experiencing hardship.

Students that meet ONE of the eligibility criteria may request a financial scholarship for the 2017-2018 season. Criteria are listed below. These criteria are as follows:

- Meet the qualifications for “poverty” as defined by the US Department of Health & Human Services.

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$11,880
2	\$16,020
3	\$20,160
4	\$24,300
5	\$28,440
6	\$32,580
7	\$36,730
8	\$40,890

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

- Demonstrate financial need through the submission of tax return and current month's pay and/or bank statements.

Financial scholarships will be awarded based on student need, availability of scholarship funds, and the number of students qualifying for the scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded based on AVAILABLE funds, which will vary and may be limited based on donations. **Priority will be given to students with the greatest financial need.** Scholarships will range from 10% to 100% of the participation fee.

Applications must include:

1. Completed Fostering the Arts Scholarship Application
2. Verification of Household Income:
 - A. Copy of last year's tax return(s)
 - B. Current month's pay stub(s)
 - C. Copies of bank statements
3. One page student essay describing one of the following:
 - For new students, why he/she wants to participate in arts based programs
 - For returning students, what value they have received from extracurricular activities in the arts

(If student is not old enough to write their own essay, parent may write it for them.)

Scholarship deadlines for seasons/activities will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and will be communicated via email.

All applications for Financial Scholarship must be sent to Fostering the Arts at:

PO Box 1075

Bryant, AR 72089

Incomplete applications without income documentation will not be considered.

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NOTE: A financial scholarship application must be submitted separately for each season or year-long activity (i.e. fall/spring season or summer season)

For Student:

Student Name _____ Season: _____

Current Grade _____ Extracurricular(s): _____

(If multiple students in the same family are applying in the same season, add here. If more space is needed, add information on the back of form.)

Student Name _____ Season: _____

Current Grade _____ Activity(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Contact Information

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Mobile Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Confidentiality and Statement of Intent:

All information submitted to Fostering the Arts, Inc on this application and as part of this application process, including correspondence, will be kept confidential. Only members of the Fostering the Arts board of directors will have access to this information.

Upon completion of this application, I/we declare that the information reported on this form, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, is true, correct and complete. I/We recognize that intentionally providing false or inaccurate data or information may impact our ability to receive a scholarship.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Part 1. ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Names of all household members (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Name of school and grade level for each child/ or indicate "N/A" if person is not in school.		Check if a foster child (If all children listed below are foster children, skip to Part 3)	Check if no income
	School	Grade		

Part 2. TOTAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME before deductions

List all income on the same line as the person who receives it. Check the box for how often it is received.

Name (List all household members with income)	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony				Pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits								
		weekly	Every 2 weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly	weekly	Every 2 weeks	Twice Monthly	Monthly					

Part 3. OPTIONAL: Hardship circumstance

In special circumstances, support may be needed for families beyond the need demonstrated by family income. If a particular crisis or hardship exists that requires financial assistance, the following space may be used to explain in detail so that the current situation may be fully understood and taken into consideration. (Additional pages may be attached as needed.) Families with foster children automatically qualify for assistance. Simply state "foster child/children".

Part 4. SIGNATURE

An adult household member must sign the application.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the Fostering the Arts board of directors may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my child(ren) may not receive a scholarship.

Sign here X _____ Print _____ Date _____

