

East Central Regional Arts Council

Student Scholarship

A program supporting artistic excellence in youth.

Grant Guidelines

- Fiscal Year 2016 -
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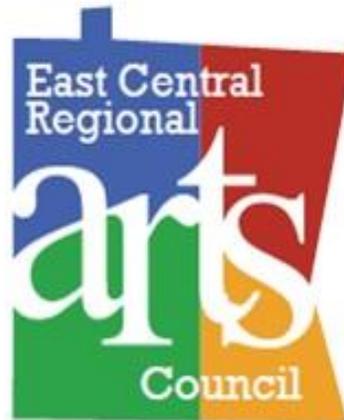
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These guidelines can be made available in the following alternative formats: Braille, large print, and as an audio. To accommodate your special request ECRAC will need at least 15 working days.

East Central Regional Arts Council K-12 Art Scholarship Guidelines

(Please keep these for your reference.)

About the Program

The East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) determined that our region has many young, talented, and energetic artists deserving acknowledgment. As a result, the ECRAC, with funding appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature, decided to offer these gifted young artists a Scholarship opportunity to assist their promising futures as artists. The East Central Regional Arts Council is pleased to offer Scholarships in amounts not to exceed \$500 to any student in high school, middle school, or elementary school intending to enhance their artistic talents. The student must live in one of the following Minnesota counties: Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs or Pine. This funding is targeted to special arts learning projects or programs for kids. Primary considerations for reviewing applications will be artistic quality and merit of the proposed project, and the student artist's goals and (age appropriate) artistic background.

This is NOT a Scholarship program for college credits, nor is it meant to replace regular artistic classes/training for homeschooled children.

Basic Guidelines

All young artists in Kindergarten through 12th Grade who strive to improve their artistic abilities can apply. **The online application form is available at www.ecrac.org/grants.** This is a competitive program; however, we do want to hear from the students, in their own words, why they want to enhance their artistic abilities.

The program provides at least one student award annually, based on a competitive review of submitted applications. **Applications must be for a specific art project that will advance the skills of the student in their particular art form.** The Arts Council is interested in funding projects such as training with a mentor or summer art programs such as music or visual art camps. Artists of any art form are welcome (i.e. dance, design, folk and traditional arts, literature, local arts organizations or presenters, media arts, multidisciplinary, music, theater, visual arts, and performing arts.)

HOW TO APPLY:

ECRAC has an online grant application process only. Application materials are available on line at: www.ecrac.org/grants. The maximum award is \$500. The deadline for application each year is **11:59 p.m. March 1.** Projects must be completed by **December 31st of the same year.** Parents should help ensure that the student applicant submits all application materials including any required attachments. You may contact ECRAC staff at 320-396-2337, or via email at info@ecrac.org if you have questions or need assistance with the online application process.

Employees and contractors of the East Central Regional Arts Council, members of the ECRAC board or any Scholarship selection committee and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for Scholarships.

Acceptance of a Scholarship allows the East Central Regional Arts Council to use the student's name, photograph and testimonials in print, broadcast, or online in connection with promoting this Scholarship, or any other of our grant programs, without further notice.

Other Rules and Regulations

By participating in this scholarship competition, you agree that the East Central Regional Arts Council and those involved in the development, production, implementation and distribution of this scholarship program and their directors, employees, and any other person or entity associated with such entities and/or this project (hereafter collectively called the “Sponsors”) are not liable for any claims, damages, losses or injuries, including third party claims, arising from or relating to, in whole or in part, this scholarship, including your entry and participation in this scholarship competition, the submission of your application package, the evaluation of your application package, acceptance, use or misuse of the Scholarship or any injury to your or any other person’s computer related to or resulting from downloading or receiving via return email any part of the scholarship.

You further agree that you will not hold the East Central Regional Arts Council, their affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and any other person or entity associated with ECRAC liable for any claims, losses, damages or injuries, arising from or relating to this scholarship, you will indemnify Sponsors from any and all such claims. Sponsors shall not be liable for applications that are delayed, lost, misdirected, misdelivered, marked postage-due, illegible, mutilated, incorrect or incomplete and such entries will not be eligible for this competition.

Disbursement of Scholarships

Notification of awards to student artists who are allocated grant funding from the East Central Regional Arts Council will occur by **May 15 each year** via mail.

The Scholarship award (check) is issued jointly to the Scholarship recipient and the art program or artistic mentor he/she elects to work with (or a parent, if more appropriate.) Prior to receipt of the award, the recipient must notify the Arts Council in writing of acceptance of the award and provide verification of their enrollment in the awarded program

Questions?

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