

K-12 Student Scholarship March 1, 2024 Deadline

East Central Regional Arts Council

REGAPP - Grant Number*

Character Limit: 15

Application Instructions

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

You will first want to familiarize yourself with basic information about East Central Regional Arts Council grant funding. The grant guidelines can be found by clicking [here](#). Please read through the Grant Guidelines before beginning the online application form. This application form includes specific questions which will assist the Regional Arts Council reviewers in determining eligibility, artistic quality & merit, ability, community need, and the equity & inclusion proposed.

Best practice and past grant application history indicate successful Scholarship grant applications are written by the K-12 students themselves with the assistance of parents, when needed.

File Upload Details

You will upload several files. Document uploads must be a MS Word, MS Excel, or PDF document. It is highly recommended that you create your own Application Packet within the grant interface to assure that your documents have uploaded correctly; errors in formatting may have an adverse effect on your application which may be found incomplete.

Format ALL upload documents as follows unless they are an artwork sample:

- US Letter paper size (8.5 x 11) in portrait orientation with at least ¾ inch margins;
- a text font equivalent to Times 12-point or larger (15 characters per inch);

and do not use header and footer fields within your documents.

Section 1: Student's Personal Information

Student's First Name*

Character Limit: 20

Student's Last Name*

Character Limit: 20

Parent's First Name**Character Limit: 20***Parent's Last Name****Character Limit: 20***Applicant Mailing/Street Address or P.O. Box #****Character Limit: 40***City****Character Limit: 30***Zip Code****Character Limit: 10***Parent's Email Address****Character Limit: 50***Student's Current School****Character Limit: 200***City Where Student's School Is Located****Character Limit: 30***Student's County of Permanent Residence****(and township if a rural address)**Character Limit: 200***Student's Current Grade****Example: student is currently in 6th grade.**Character Limit: 200***Allow release of student's name and city?***

Please note that the student's personal information is not open to the public. The student's name and city of residence will be released only if you give permission. Do you allow release of the student's name and city?

Choices

Yes

No

ECRAC Newsletter*

When applying for a grant with ECRAC please note that your email and mailing addresses will be added to the ECRAC newsletter mailing lists to keep you posted on ECRAC news and updates; unless you have already subscribed, thank you! You can unsubscribe at any time using the unsubscribe link at the bottom of every email.

Choices

I understand

Section 2: Project Request

Scholarship Project Title*

Examples: Visual Art Camp; Music Lessons; Dance Mentorship.

Character Limit: 100

Total Scholarship Project Cost*

Character Limit: 20

Source Of Other Funds For Scholarship Project (if any)*

Enter "None" If no other funds

Character Limit: 1000

REQ - Amount Requested from ECRAC*

Max \$500; *Please round up to the nearest dollar.*

Character Limit: 20

Section 3: Project Description

Explain specifically what the Scholarship money will be used for.*

What is the artistic program or who are the instructors/mentor? Keep in mind that for this funding program ECRAC is serving school age children to develop art skills or knowledge and that you will have a new or expanded skill when the scholarship is over.

Character Limit: 4000

Scholarship Expense Details and Explanations*

Describe your project expense details and explanations for your scholarship budget here. For example, explain how many lessons you will have and how much each lesson will cost, or include transportation expense, etc.. Have your parent help you decide the total costs and include them within this section.

Character Limit: 1000

Have you been accepted by the instructor or into this program?*

Choices

Yes

No

Don't Know

Section 5: Artistic Background

What current arts activities are you involved in at school?*

Character Limit: 2000

What arts activities do you participate in outside of your school?*

Character Limit: 3000

Reference Details*

Provide two references documenting your participation in the arts. Example - teachers, administrators, community members, etc.

In the space provided below, include your reference's:

- names;
- email addresses;
- city, state;
- and your relationship to them.

Character Limit: 1000

Statements from two References.

Upload your signed reference letters in the upload space provided below. PDF's are recommended and signatures are required. These letters should be written specifically for you and not a form letter. These should be individualized references based on you & your artistic talents.

Statement from Reference (upload #1)*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Statement from Reference (upload #2)*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Describe Special Honors or Awards*

Describe what, if any, special honors or awards directly related to your arts involvement you have received.

Character Limit: 2000

Accomplishments in your Arts Discipline

A minimum of two supporting samples demonstrating your accomplishments in your arts discipline are required. Example: copies of photographs, programs, writing excerpts, etc.

Accomplishment Sample Descriptions*

In the space below, for each sample, include:

- the title of the sample artwork or art form

- a brief description of each sample submitted

Character Limit: 1000

Accomplishment Sample Uploads

Attach the samples in the upload section provided below. PDFs or jpgs are recommended.

Supporting Samples (upload #1)*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Supporting Samples (upload #2)*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Additional Supporting Documents (optional)

Combine additional documents into one file, as needed.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Section 4: Artistic Goals

What are your long-term goals as an artist?*

Character Limit: 2000

How will the proposed artistic project and this scholarship help you achieve your goals?*

Character Limit: 3000

Section 6: Need and Merit

Artistic Activity*

Is the artistic activity proposed a continuation of training, a repeat experience, or something you have not done before?

Character Limit: 3000

Why and how would this Scholarship be beneficial to your artistic skills?*

Character Limit: 3000

Include a résumé of your artistic mentor/instructor and/or information on arts workshops, camp, classes (e.g. brochures or webpages), as applicable to your proposed scholarship project. PDFs are recommended.

Resume of Artistic Mentor/Instructor

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Camp, Class and/or Workshop Information

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Resume or Class/Workshop Information

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Section 7: Regional Arts Council (RAC) Data Collection

RAC Grant Data Collection*

These reporting fields are not used in the evaluation of your grant request and are simply used for data collection purposes.

Choices

I understand

Are you a new applicant?*

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Yes

No

County*

Choose the Region 7E county below in which you live.

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Chisago

Isanti

Kanabec

Mille Lacs

Pine

MN House District*

MN legislative house district where you live (Click Here to use the district poll finder).

(Due to redistricting, be sure to use the District Poll Finder for the correct House District.)

Choices

10A

10B

11A

11B

27B

28A

28B

31B

Congressional District*

U.S. congressional district where the applicant is located. To be eligible to apply you must live within the five county East Central Minnesota Region which is Congressional District 8.

Choices

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CHROTH - Special Characteristics (optional)

For Individuals: select any combination that applies to you.

Choices

I - Disability
V - Veteran
S - Older than 65
A - Adult (25-64 years)
Y - Young adult (19-24 years)
99 - None of the above

CHR - Race/Ethnicity (optional)

For Individuals: Please select all categories that by your best estimate represent your racial/ethnic characteristics. This information is not made public.

Choices

N Native American/Alaskan Native
A Asian
P Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
B Black/African American
H Hispanic/Latino
M Middle Eastern/North African
W White/not Hispanic
R Multiracial or Biracial
O Other

PCHRAGE - Age Group

Select the categories that best represent the age of those benefiting from your project.

Choices

1 Children/Youth (0 - 18 years)
2 Young Adults (19 - 24 years)
3 Adults (25 - 64 years)
4 Older Adults (65 + years)
99 No single age group

STAT - Status*

Select the one code that best describes the applicant. Click Here for a list of current **Status** codes. Enter "01" for individual here.

Choices

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INST - Institution*

Select the one code that best describes the applicant. Click [Here](#) for a list of current **Institution** codes. Enter "01" for individual here.

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DIS1 - Discipline*

Select one code that best describes the applicant's primary area of interest in the arts. Click [Here](#) for a list of current **Discipline** codes. Example, enter "01A" for Dance, ballet.

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PDIS1 - Project Discipline*

Select one category that best describes the proposed project activity. [Click Here](#) for a list of current Discipline codes.

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Does your proposed project involve a public event?*

Choices

Yes
No

Date(s) of the open to the public event(s).

If applicable, enter all individual event dates separated by a comma.

Character Limit: 250

If yes, include the venue name(s) and address(es) of the event location(s).

Character Limit: 250

ART - Adult Artists Participating*

Estimated number of adult audience participants benefiting directly from grant activities.

Character Limit: 10

ADULT - Adult Audience Benefiting*

Estimated number of adult audience participants benefiting directly from grant activities.

Include for in-person activities only.

Character Limit: 10

ADULTONLINE - Adult Audience Benefiting Online*

Estimated number of adult audience participants benefiting directly from grant activities.

Include for online activities only.

Character Limit: 10

YOUTH - Children/Youth Benefiting*

Estimated number of children and youth, age 18 and under, participating in and/or benefiting directly from these grant activities, or included in an audience. Include for in-person activities only. Your answer should be at least 1, you.

Character Limit: 10

YOUTHONLINE - Children/Youth Benefiting Online*

Estimated number of children and youth, age 18 and under, participating in and/or benefiting directly from these grant activities, or included in an audience. Include for an online audience only.

Character Limit: 10

Total Project Expenses*

Character Limit: 20

EXP - Cash Expense of Project

This number should be the project total cost.

Character Limit: 20

BEG - Project Start Date*

Enter May 15 as your start date.

Character Limit: 10

END - Project End Date*

Enter December 31 as your end date.

Character Limit: 10

COUNTIES - Counties Impacted*

Please provide a list of counties (Minnesota only) that will be impacted by this project. Your county of residence should be one.

Character Limit: 500

Section 8: Signatures

Student Signature*

I, the undersigned, am a K-12 student and I want to apply for a scholarship to further my artistic goals!

Typed Name

Character Limit: 30

Date of Signature*

Character Limit: 10

To the parents and guardians of East Central Regional Arts Council Scholarship recipients:

I, the undersigned, am a parent or legal guardian having custody of the minor child named above. I am authorizing this application to the ECRAC Student Scholarship program pursuant to the ECRAC guidelines. I understand that payment for the Scholarship, if received, will be made out to the child and the mentor or program, unless other arrangements are made. I understand that only the child's name and city will be released if I authorize it.

Signature of Parent or Guardian*

Typed Name

Character Limit: 40

Date of Signature*

Character Limit: 10

FYI - To ensure all application files have uploaded and will open properly for reviewers, applicants should use the "Application Packet" button located at the top of the application. Any file upload errors will appear on the "File Attachment Summary" page in the Application Packet.

Contact staff via email at grantinfo@ecrac.org or by telephone at 320-591-7034 if you have any questions or concerns regarding your application. If requested early enough in advance of the grant deadline, ECRAC staff can review your draft application.

Thank you for applying! ECRAC staff wishes you all the best.