

TALBOT COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
PO Box 6, Easton, MD 21601-0006

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MEMO FOR PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Summer Art Scholarships for 2010

This memorandum announces the availability of arts scholarships during summer 2010 for Talbot County residents who during the present term are enrolled in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades. This is the ninth year the Arts Council has offered these scholarships to students with outstanding artistic promise. Preference in selection goes to high school students with years of demonstrated experience and excellence in their arts area. Funding for the program comes from the Talbot County Council and the Towns of Easton and St. Michaels.

There is no specific dollar limit to individual grant requests, but the amount asked of the Arts Council must be matched dollar-for-dollar by funds from other sources (for example, if a program costs \$500, no more than \$250 may be requested from the Arts Council). A total of \$2,500 is available for the full summer scholarship program. Eligible art studies include summer arts or music camps, arts or music programs or classes, and private lessons.

There are various ways to apply for the scholarships. First, the county's middle and high schools may nominate qualified students. Second, the Arts Council will accept nominations from arts organizations, civic clubs, parents, or other county residents. Third, self-nominations may be submitted by individual students.

In all cases the parent/guardian and student must sign the nomination form, but since this is a talent-based and not a need-based program no family financial data is involved—although a letter may be included from parent or guardian indicating any special considerations that could bear on scholarship selection. We require a letter from a local arts educator (other than the person providing the summer arts education) who is expert in the artistic area explaining why the student deserves scholarship selection.

The cutoff date for nominations is May 15. Selections for grant awards will be made by the board of directors of the Arts Council and announced in early June. Grant checks will normally be payable directly to program providers and not to students or their families.

The nomination format is enclosed. Please contact me for further information or assistance in completing the form: office 410-310-9812/ home 410-770-4878/ fax 410-770-4879/ e-mail gearly@talbotarts.org.

Enclosure
Nomination Form

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SUMMER ARTS SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name of student:	Student home address/phone/e-mail:
Grade in school this term:	School name/address/phone/e-mail:
Area of art interest:	Number of years instruction in this arts area: _____ Is this art form a possible career choice? [YES] [NO]
Name of art/music teacher in subject area:	Teacher address/phone/e-mail:

SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of institution or instructor:	Address/phone/e-mail:
Title of summer program:	Dates:
<input type="checkbox"/> Official acceptance by program is enclosed. (If not, please explain below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Printed description of program is enclosed. (If not, please explain below)

Description of program (**which must include resume/biography of private instructor and/or full description of the organization or institution offering instruction and particular program desired**):

Reason for candidate's attendance:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
Program tuition and fees	\$ _____	Amount requested from TCAC: (Cannot be more than half of total program cost)	\$ _____
Other (specify) _____	_____		
Total costs	\$ _____		

FOR USE IN NOMINATION BY SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATIONS, OR INDIVIDUALS		
Name and signature of nominating person:	Title or relationship:	Date:
Organization and address:		

SIGNATURES OF PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT (ALWAYS REQUIRED)	
Name and signature of parent or guardian:	Date:
Name and signature of scholarship candidate:	Date:

SUMMER ARTS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- The Talbot County Arts Council offers summer arts scholarships to high school students who during the spring term of 2010 are in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades.
- There is no specific dollar limit to individual grant requests, but the amount desired must be matched dollar-for-dollar from other sources. The Arts Council has budgeted \$2,500 for this year's program.
- Qualifying programs in the visual, performing, or literary arts include summer arts camps, summer arts programs or classes, or private lessons.
- Nominations will be accepted by the Arts Council from any county resident, including school principals or teachers, arts organizations, civic clubs, parents, or self-nomination by students. Talbot County residents attending high school within or outside the county are eligible for this program.
- The scholarship nomination must be completed in its entirety and accompanied by a supporting letter from an arts educator (other than the person to provide summer arts education) who is qualified in the artistic area and knowledgeable of the candidate's artistic abilities and potential.
- Scholarships are talent-based, not need-based, so no family financial data is required. However, the nominee's parent or guardian may include a letter indicating any special considerations that could bear on scholarship selection.
- Nominations must be signed by both parent/guardian and candidate for summer arts scholarship, thereby indicating their willingness to accept the scholarship if approved by the Arts Council.
- All required information must be received on or before May 15, 2010, by the Talbot County Arts Council, PO Box 6, Easton, MD 21601-0006.