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## John A. DeFrancisco Young Artist Scholarship Program

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2017 by 4:00 PM (Round I)

WHO MAY APPLY: Students in grades 7–12, residing permanently in the [50th NYS Senate District](https://www.nysenate.gov/district/50) (<https://www.nysenate.gov/district/50>)

AWARD AMOUNT: \$25 – \$3,000

PROGRAM PERIOD: January 1 – December 31, 2017

# Program Description

The purpose of the program is to recognize and support gifted young artists currently enrolled in grades 7–12, permanently residing in the [50th NYS Senate district](https://www.nysenate.gov/district/50) (<https://www.nysenate.gov/district/50>), in their artistic development by providing financial assistance in Advanced or Ongoing Study or Intensive Programs. The scholarship as an opportunity for students to advance in their discipline, further their development and education, and/or increase their exposure. Students must demonstrate a definite talent in the area of arts and culture as well as a minimum of three-year's experience in the field.

Scholarships are paid by CNY Arts directly to the institution (upon CNY Arts receipt of funds from the State of New York). Reimbursements to parents or students are not eligible through this program.

### I. Advanced or Ongoing Study

Continuous classes, instruction or training from qualified individuals in the field to advance artistic knowledge and/or improve technique that meet consistently over an extended period of time.

### II. Intensives Programs

A series of classes, instruction, training, or participation in a specific program that meet intensively over a short period of time. Typically, these programs are audition-based and include room and board expenses. Many meet in the summer months.

# Funding & Eligibility

The maximum allowable scholarship request from each applicant is \$3,000. Students may submit up to TWO separate artistic programs for the 2017 cycle, with the total not to exceed \$3,000. Awards may be increased based upon strength of application, program costs, and availability of funding.

### Eligible Expenses

Funding may be used towards any of the following expenses. Please note the payment will only be made to the institution directly. Reimbursements are not eligible.

- Tuition
- Private Instruction

- Registration/Participation Fees
- Audition/Application Fees
- Equipment Rental
- Room & Board

#### Ineligible Expenses

Funding cannot be provided for the following items:

- The purchase of equipment such as instruments, cameras/lenses, computers, etc.
- The purchase of supplies/materials such as costumes, pointe shoes, sheet music, art supplies
- College/Higher Education tuition and/or room & board (the scholarship may pay for pre-college courses/intensives that advance artistic learning)
- Programs outside of New York State
- Travel expenses

## Evaluation

Awards are based on a competitive panel review process. A panel comprised of artists, and arts administrators review each project on the basis of its own merits and against others in the application pool. Limited funds are available and priority will be given to applications that meet the criteria and priorities below. Within each funding cycle, review panels make every effort to see that grants are awarded to a variety of applicants that reflect diversity of artistic interests and disciplines.

#### Evaluative Criteria

- Demonstrated talent of applicant
- Benefit to applicant from opportunity

#### Program Priorities

- First-time applicants or applicants that did not receive scholarship support in 2016
- Applicants pursuing the arts as a possible career
- Institutions that are eligible (see page 5) and in New York State

The panel is composed entirely of individuals with no financial interest in any arts education program that is eligible for funding.

## Arts Institution/Program Eligibility

The programs listed on the Eligible Programs List are all approved for consideration in this scholarship program. However, it is just a representative sample. The Young Artist Program will support almost all arts and cultural summer intensives in New York State that meet the criteria below. If the program you are interested in is not listed, you may call CNY Arts before submitting an application. Eligible organizations must:

- Be appropriately registered corporations or nonprofit corporations
- Have at least a three-year history of demonstrating quality youth arts education
- Have a nondiscrimination policy in effect
- Organizations registered in the State of New York are preferred

This grant will not fund private individual instructors unless they are paid through a corporation/organization.

## Application Instructions

Applications must be completed and submitted in their entirety, online only through Submittable (<https://cnyarts.submittable.com/submit>) (<https://cnyarts.submittable.com/submit>) by Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 4:00. Applications received after 4:00 PM will not be considered for funding. No exceptions can be made whatsoever.

All materials must be submitted online through Submittable. Anything submitted to CNY Arts outside of Submittable such as email, fax, drop-off, or mail will not be accepted or considered by the review panel.

You will receive an email confirmation shortly after submittal. If you do not receive one, your application has not been successfully received and may not be considered for funding.

## Application Requirements

Please provide the following items:

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION in Submittable
2. YOUNG ARTIST LETTER
3. SPONSOR LETTER
4. PARENT/GUARDIAN LETTER (optional)
5. STUDENT RESUME or a COMPREHENSIVE LIST

Please address all questions to:

Elizabeth Lane, Director of Grants & Programs

Phone: (315) 435-2158 | Email: [elane@cnyarts.org](mailto:elane@cnyarts.org) (<mailto:elane@cnyarts.org>)

[CNY Arts \(http://cnyarts.org\)](http://cnyarts.org)

John H. Mulroy Civic Center  
421 Montgomery St., 11th Fl.

Syracuse, NY 13202

[Website \(http://weare.cnyarts.org\)](http://weare.cnyarts.org)

### Young Artist Application Instructions

Please complete all required fields for the application. The application is broken into the following parts:

- 1) Young Artist Information
- 2) Parent Guardian Information
- 3) Reference Information
- 4) Arts Program Information
- 5) Support Materials
- 6) Certification

### Young Artist Information

Please complete the information below about the Young Artist applying for the scholarship.

Salutation \*

First Name \*

**Last Name \***

This field is required.

**Date of Birth \***

(Date format: mm/dd/yyyy)

**Age \***

Please indicate current age at time of submission

**Grade \***

Please indicate the current grade of student at time of submission. Only grades 7-12 are eligible.

**School District \***

Please include the public, private or parochial secondary school the student is presently attending. Please do not include a dance school or theater program.

**Artistic Discipline \***

For example: Hip-Hop, Sculpture, Saxophone, Musical Theater, etc.

**Years of Study \***

**Young Artist Profile \***

No more than 500 characters. A brief statement from the artist providing general information about your artistic skills, expertise or work. Please include any influence on your work; where you study (if applicable) and/or a brief biographical statement. This is your reason-to-be.

**Funding History \***

- New Applicant
- Returning Applicant (not funded in 2016)
- Returning Applicant (Funded in 2016)

Please indicate whether the applicant student was awarded a scholarship from CNY Arts in 2016. If you did not apply in 2016 to the scholarship fund, please indicate New Applicant.

**50th Senate District \***

- Yes
- No

I have validated by permanent address above and it IS within the 50th Senate District of Senator John A. DeFrancisco.

You may validate here:

<http://www.elections.ny.gov/district-map/district-map.html>  
(<http://www.elections.ny.gov/district-map/district-map.html>)

Applicants residing outside of the 50th Senate District are not eligible for this program.

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Please complete contact information for the applicant's parent/guardian below. We will direct all correspondence and award notifications at the parent/guardian.

**Prefix \***

**First Name \***

**Last Name \***

**Relationship to Applicant \***

**Address \***

**City \***

State \*

Students outside of New York State are NOT eligible.

Zip Code \*

Please include the five digit zip code

Phone \*

Phone Type \*

Secondary Phone

Secondary Phone Type

Email \*

Scholarship award information and questions will be directed to the email address provided.

Secondary Email

### Reference Information

Please include the requested information about the applicant's instructor(s) and sponsor.

Sponsor Name \*

This is the individual who has submitted a sponsor letter. It can be the student's advisor, instructor, or program director. Please include the first and last name.

**Sponsor School/Institution \***

**Phone \***

**Email \***

**Present Instructor \***

Please include information about the current instructor. This can be the same person as the sponsor. Please include first and last name.

**Instructor School/Institution \***

**Phone \***

**Email \***

### Arts Program Information

Please register each program individually. Please note that each student is eligible for no more than two separate programs, collectively totaling no more than \$3000.

**Institution Name \***

For example: Syracuse University; Children's Theater of Ithaca, CNY Ballet School, etc.

**Mailing Address \***

Please include the entire mailing address with city, state, and zip code.

**Is this program located in New York State \***

- Yes  
 No

New York State programs are a top priority for funding. By selecting a non-NYS program, you may not receive scholarship funds in this cycle.

**Program Title \***

Please include the name of the program or intensive. For example 4-Week Summer Intensive, Summerscape, Theater Camp, Intermediate-Advanced Summer Session, etc.

**Program Website/URL**

Please include the website for the program or institution.

**Program Description \***

Please include a brief description of the program (not the organization). For example: DCT offers a four week summer intensive with master classes, workshops and private instruction for theater students that ends in a culminating performance. (50 word limit).

*Limit: 50 words*

**Program Start Date \***

(Date format: mm/dd/yyyy)

**Payment Due Date \***

Please indicate when the tuition or registration payment is due to the institution.

**Cost to Participate \***

Please include the total amount due to the institution to participate in the program, even if it's more than \$3000. This can include the eligible expenses listed in the guidelines such as registration fees, tuition, Room & Board as applicable.



**Scholarship Request Amount \***

Please enter the amount of the scholarship you would like to pay for the participation cost. It cannot exceed the cost to participate or more than \$3000 TOTAL across the two registered programs. It is NOT \$3000 per program.

**Are you already approved to attend this program? \***

- Yes
- No
- Not audition based / all students are eligible

If this is an audition program or based on skill/experience, have you received notification that you are approved to attend? If it was not an audition program, you may still select yes.

**Art Institution Contact Person \***

This is the contact person for the program such as a Program Director or someone CNY Arts can contact to verify registration and coordinate scholarship payment. PLEASE INCLUDE FIRST & LAST NAME, TITLE.

**Email \***

This is the contact person's email. CNY Arts will contact this person to verify registration and coordinate scholarship payment.

**Phone \***

This is the contact person's phone. CNY Arts will contact this person to verify registration and coordinate scholarship payment.

**Would you like to register a second program?**

- Yes
- No

**Support Materials**

Please use the "Add Files" link to upload all the required and optional application materials.

1. YOUNG ARTIST LETTER: A letter from the applicant that explains in their own words how they will benefit from this opportunity and why are the arts important to their life. The letter should not exceed one page and should also respond to the following questions:

a. What is your level of competency in your area of study at this time?

- b. What are your goals for the future in regard to your field of study?
- c. Discuss some possible means that you think could be helpful to you in achieving those goals, such as group, supplies, scholarships, tutors, etc. Be specific.

2. SPONSOR LETTER: A letter from the "sponsor" could be a teacher, mentor, or advisor and should reflect the potential of the student's abilities in a specific discipline. Please include an honest critical evaluation of the student and how they have progressed in their art-form. Please also respond to the following questions:

- a. How long have you know the candidate?
- b. Why do you think the candidate deserves this award?
- c. Describe the candidate's ability and potential for improvement.

\*\*\* You may opt to email your sponsor to have them attach the letter if it is confidential for the student. Please use the Sponsor Link for Confidential Letters section by emailing the sponsor.

3. PARENT/GUARDIAN LETTER (optional): A letter from the Parent / Guardian including opinions about the following points:

- a. How would you describe the applicant's progress in his/her field of study?
- b. How does the applicant show special talents and abilities toward reaching his/her goal?
- c. Why should the applicant receive this award?

4. STUDENT RESUME or a COMPREHENSIVE LIST of:

- a. Competitions in which you have participated
- b. Any awards received
- c. Performances you have participated in
- d. Other honorary citations

You may also upload additional support materials such as:

- 1) Information on the Program of Interest / Acceptance Letters / Scholarship Letters
- 2) Additional Letters of Support from instructors, advisers, tutors, etc.
- 3) Student work samples that speak to their skills in the field such as videos, audio recordings, artistic images

### Support Materials Upload \*

Acceptable file types: pdf, doc, docx, jpg, gif, mp3, mp4, m4a, tiff, png, wav, mov, avi, mpg, 3gp, flv, webm, wmv, ogg, aac, flac, aiff, wma, mkv, m4v, svg.

Choose Files

Please upload your materials here. You are allowed up to 10 files for uploading.

Select up to 10 files to attach. No files have been attached yet.

### Sponsor Link for Confidential Letters (Optional)

If you would like to include a reference letter that is marked confidential by your sponsor, please use this link to enter the email address of your reference. Your reference will receive an email with a link to upload a reference letter. Be sure to have your referrer whitelist [submittable.com](http://submittable.com) (<http://submittable.com>) or check their spam folder to ensure they receive your reference request. This is NOT required if you uploaded the Sponsor Letter in the File Upload section.

### Certification

By signing below you acknowledge, as parent/guardian's consent for your child to submit this application, and agree that any award made to your child shall only be used for the expressed purposes in the application. You also agree both parties have reviewed the program guidelines and that all information herein this application is accurate and true to the best of your knowledge, and in compliance with the guidelines.

I agree \*

Student Signature \*

Please type your first and last name.

I agree \*

Parent/Guardian Signature \*

Please print your first and last name.

Submit

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