

## **Funding Futures Summer Camps Program Guidelines**

**Overview:** The Funding Futures Summer Camps Program provides financial assistance to support arts and culture-based summer camps in St. Petersburg. Funding is made possible through grants from the Pinellas Community Foundation and generous contributions from private donors.

### **Important Dates**

- **Application Opens: Tuesday, March 3, 2026**
- **Application Deadline: Thursday, April 30, 2026**
- **Funding Notification: By Friday, May 15, 2026**

**Program Implementation Period: Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, August 7, 2026**

**Eligibility:** Students must be between the ages of 10 and 17 and live in Pinellas County.

Students are eligible if any of the following apply:

- \*Receive free or reduced school lunch.
- \*Go to a Title 1 School. (Use the link to review Title 1 Schools for eligibility: [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org))
- Receive financial hardship tuition or scholarship.
- Attend a “transitional” or “transformational” school, according to the Pinellas County Board of Education, or an Individual Education Program (IEP) with Pinellas County Schools ([www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)), and are over 17.
- \*Live in a group home or foster care.
- Live in a “transitional” housing situation. (About transitional housing: [what-is-a-transitional-house](#))
- \*In custody of the Department of Children and Families.
- Receive aid through EBT or WIC.

### **Funding Availability**

- Grant applications and eligibility do not guarantee a grant. Restrictions and funding availability may apply.
- Funding awards vary based on the number of applications and available resources.
- Funds may cover camp tuition, supplies, instructor fees, and other essential program costs.

### **Application Process**

1. **Submission:** Complete the online application form by the specified deadline.
2. **Statement of Interest from Camp Provider or Student and Parent/Guardian**

- What arts program or organization would you like to attend?
- How will you use the funding? (i.e., dance, ballet, instruments, theater, etc.)
- How would attending an arts program benefit you in the future? Teens, in your own words, tell us why you are interested in continuing your arts education.  
Parents of young children, tell us why your child is interested in continuing their arts education.
- Name of the camp provider: [St. Petersburg Summer Camps](#)- see the list of participating providers. If your camp is not listed, you can enter it in the space provided on the application. All camps must be eligible for the program.
- The name of the camp session you would like to attend, e.g., dance, visual arts, etc.
- Dates of the camp session you have selected.
- Cost of the camp session.

### 3. **Proposal Requirements:**

- Description of the camp program, including objectives and activities.
- Detailed budget and funding request.

### 4. **Review and Selection:**

- Selection will be based on program impact, financial need, and alignment with program goals.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions within 30 days of the application deadline.

### **Program Requirements**

- Funded organizations must provide a final report detailing program outcomes and fund usage.
- Programs must be completed within the designated summer session timeframe.
- Recognition of Funding Futures support must be included in promotional materials.

**Contact Information:** For questions or additional information, please contact Charlene A. Harrison at [charlene@stpeteartsalliance.org](mailto:charlene@stpeteartsalliance.org) or 727.557.9180.

We look forward to supporting impactful arts and culture programming for St. Petersburg's youth!