



Funding Futures Guidelines and Policies

The St. Petersburg Arts Alliance **Funding Futures – Student Arts Opportunity Awards** program is for student artists facing challenges and financial need.

Student Arts Opportunity Guidelines

1) Student Eligibility

- Talented emerging artists, ages 10-17 in Pinellas County.
- Students with a demonstrated level of financial need. Proof of one of the following:
 - Free/Reduced Lunch Verification Form
 - Attendance to a Title 1 school
 - In the custody of the Department of Children and Families.
 - In a foster or group home
- Student did not participate in prior year's Funding Futures program (must be non-consecutive years).
- Funding Futures is open to all talented artists regardless of ethnic, social or economic background, or ability/disability.

2) Funds may be used in the categories of dance, music, jazz, voice, theater, digital arts, photography, cinematic arts, visual or literary arts for programs in St. Petersburg:

- Tuition for summer arts camps, creative writing camps or after school programs either virtual or in person
- Musical instruments rental, purchase or repair
- Dance shoes, music books, writing classes and arts supplies
- Individual instruction or adult master class tuition

3) Financial Need

- Free/Reduced Lunch Verification Form OR
- Proof of attendance to a Title 1 school

4) Statement of Interest From Student

- Why would you like a Funding Futures grant?
- What program or organization would you like to attend?
- What do you need the funding for (such as program cost, instrument, ballet shoes, etc.)?

- How would attending this arts program make you feel or how will it help you in the future?

(Teens, please tell us in your own words. Parents of young children, please tell us why your child is interested in continuing their arts education.)

5) Letter of Recommendation (from teacher, counselor, minister, mentor, etc.)

6) Award Committee Review Criteria

- Special talents
- Academic Achievement
- Leadership
- Community Service
- Obstacles overcome
- Recommendations that explain student's at-risk issues, potential for artistic talent and how this student might benefit from an arts education program (escaping bullying, getting into trouble, etc.).

8) Award Agreement

- Signed letter of agreement (Grant Agreement) between SPAA, the organization providing program and parent/guardian of student.
- Photo release, granting permission to use the student's image in promoting or documenting the program.
- Award funds will be distributed to the school, instructor or supplier of the student's project. (Each organization is limited to \$2,000 in awards annually)
- Awards will be generally in the \$500-\$1,000 range, depending on the program description

9) Follow up report

- Within 30 days of completion of project or program, awardee will submit a letter of accomplishment – outcomes of a project, concert/recital, etc., personal quote and photos.

Organization Guidelines

1) Organization Eligibility

- Local arts or arts-related organization located in St. Petersburg.
- Currently provides after school arts programming or summer arts camp either virtual or in person.

2) Program or camp requirements

- Written, structured program including what students will learn, expected outcomes, student objectives, who students will learn from or work with.
- Ideal student description including age range.
- Cost of program. Total grant limited to \$2,000 per organization per year.
- Duration and dates of program.
- List of instructors.
- Required equipment.
- Notification to SPAA for applicable student events, recitals, exhibits, etc. during program.

3) Nominate an Eligible Student

- Aspiring low income or at-risk young artist interested in dance, music, jazz, voice, theater, digital arts, photography, cinematic arts, visual or literary arts.
- Student artist aged 10-17 in Pinellas County for programs in St. Petersburg.
- Demonstrated level of financial need (asked of parent)
- Student that did not participate in prior year's Funding Futures program (must be non-consecutive years).
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4) Award Agreement

- Signed letter of agreement (Grant Agreement) between SPAA, the organization providing program and parent/guardian of student.
- Photo release, granting permission to use the student's image in promoting or documenting the program.
- Award funds will be distributed to the school, instructor or supplier of the student's project upon student's grant approval.
- Awards will be generally in the \$200-\$1,000 range per student, depending on the program description.

5) Follow up reporting

- Within 30 days of completion of project or program, grantee will submit a letter of the student's accomplishments such as the outcomes of a project, concert/recital, etc., a quote from the student, a quote from your organization and documenting photos.