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 living in Pinellas County.
   • Only one arts program awarded per student per year per organization.
   • Funding Futures is open to all talented artists regardless of race, ethnic, social background, sexual orientation, gender identity 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 located in St. Petersburg:
   • Tuition for summer arts/theater 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 – Students/families 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

4) Statement of interest from student and parent/guardian.
   • 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/guardians of young children, please tell us why your child is interested in continuing their arts education.)

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

6) **Award committee special review criteria**
   - 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 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/guardian)
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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.
- Include a link to the Funding Futures program on organization’s website under Summer Arts Camps or scholarship/tuition assistance area along with the SPAA/Funding Futures logo.

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.