



## **Funding Futures Guidelines and Policies**

The St. Petersburg Arts Alliance **Funding Futures - Student Arts Opportunity Awards** program is for at-risk student artists with 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.
  - Free/Reduced Lunch Verification Form OR
  - Tax Return OR Proof of Unemployment, SSI, or Disability
- 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, or visual arts for programs in St. Petersburg:**

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

#### **3) Financial Need**

- Free/Reduced Lunch Verification Form OR
- Tax Return OR Proof of Unemployment, SSI, or Disability

#### **4) Statement of Interest**

- 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, instruments, ballet shoes, etc.)?
- How much will you need?
- When do you need it?
- *(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, or mentor)

**6) Award Committee**

- Consists of arts professionals and/or instructors.

**7) 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.
- 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.

### 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.
- 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, or visual arts.
- Student artist aged 10-17 in Pinellas County for programs in St. Petersburg.
- Demonstrated level of financial need:
  - Free/Reduced Lunch Verification Form OR
  - Tax Return OR Proof of Unemployment, SSI, or Disability
- Student that 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.*

### 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 \$500-\$1,000 range, 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.