

Community Programs Frequently Asked Questions and Answers



The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Scholarship Program for Studio Art Classes

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Scholarship Program for Studio Art Classes was created to give children the opportunity to participate in Museum art classes, regardless of financial circumstances. Scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of financial need during the winter, spring, summer and fall class sessions.

Commonly asked Scholarship questions:

How do I apply for a scholarship? /Where can I get a scholarship application?

To apply for a scholarship contact the Museum and request a scholarship application. All Scholarship related calls and inquiries should be referred to Janine Carter 816-751-0441 or jcarter@nelson-atkins.org or contact the Ford Learning Center Assistant at 816-751-1303.

Scholarship applications can also be downloaded and printed from the Museum's website www.nelson-atkins.org. Follow the Education link to the Community Programs page to find the link to the scholarship application.

Who qualifies for a scholarship?

Students ages 3 to 17 may apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need and a desire to participate in Museum art classes. Scholarship students must prove financial need.

Once I've submitted my application how long before I know whether or not I've been accepted to the program?

Scholarship recipients' are notified within about two weeks of the Museum receiving the scholarship application/enrollment.

How will I be notified of my scholarship status?

Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status in one of three ways, via phone, mail, or email.

Do I need to reapply for a scholarship each session?

Awarded scholarships are valid for up to one year. Scholarship students may enroll in consecutive class sessions during the winter, spring, summer and fall. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

How many times can I reapply for a scholarship?

Qualified scholarship students may reapply annually.

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Can more than one child per household participate?

A limit of three students per household can be awarded a scholarship during the school year sessions. More than three students per household can be awarded a scholarship to participate in summer classes.

What if I am accepted as a scholarship student and I sign up for a class but am unable to attend the entire class session? Will I lose my scholarship?

Scholarship students must notify Janine Carter (816-751-0441) or the Scheduler, Ford Learning Center (816-751-1303) if they plan to be absent from a class. Two or more unexcused absences may result in termination of scholarship privileges.

In emergency cases when a student must be absent, parents/guardians should notify Janine Carter or the Ford Learning Center Assistant of the students' status prior to the next class.

What if I enrolled but never participated or notified the Museum that I was unable to attend classes? Will I be allowed to reapply for a scholarship?

Failure to notify the Museum that a student is unable to participate in classes will result in termination of scholarship privileges for one year. Whether a student can reapply for a scholarship will be determined on a case by case basis.

Does a scholarship allow me to participate in any and all of the classes offered by the Museum?

Scholarship students may participate in any age appropriate studio class offered during the fall, winter, spring, and summer class sessions.

Are there any classes that are not covered by scholarship?

Scholarships are not applicable to holiday gift making classes and one time class offerings during the school year.

After I am awarded a scholarship, how many classes can I take each session?

Scholarship students are allowed to enroll in one class per session.

How many scholarships are awarded each year?

About 160 scholarships are awarded annually.

What should I do if I would like to make a donation to the scholarship program?

Contact Janine Carter with questions about donations and sponsorships.