

FINE ART STARTS!



Financial Assistance Application

Thank you for your interest in our program. Part of our mission is to help make art education accessible and affordable to all K-8 students in Oregon, regardless of varying abilities to pay the full tuition cost. Applying for financial assistance does not guarantee you will be a recipient. All approved applicants will be notified within 2 weeks after Fine Art Starts' Board of Directors has met to review applications.

Please note that although we accept applications year-round, our Board of Directors meet quarterly and review applications only four times a year. If the meeting for the quarter has already been held, then your application will be considered for another upcoming session, although it may be different than the session in which you were hoping to attend.

Application Deadlines

If you're interested in financial assistance for:

Winter Session (which begins in January), please apply by November 10

Spring Session (which begins in April), please apply by February 10

Summer Art Camp (which begins in June), please apply by April 10

Fall Session (which begins in September), please apply by August 10

As a federally-recognized 501(c)3 and Foundation 11 School, we are required to document financial assistance extended to qualifying students, and evidence the benefits to them. The way in which we do this is through a short follow-up letter written by the parent of the participant upon the conclusion of the course. This would be required of you if your student were to receive financial assistance of any amount.

Required Documents to Apply:

1. Hand-written, typed or emailed letter to explain:

(A) number of children and number of employed, income-earning adults in the household

(B) you receive state assistance. Please clarify which state services you receive (SNAP, WIC, etc.)

(B) what amount of tuition you are able to afford, if any

(C) which class you'd like your child to take and how he or she may benefit from it

(D) if you are able to help offset tuition costs through volunteering during or outside of class times

2. If a *new* student to FAS, we require two images (color, if applicable to the work) of your student's most recent artwork he/she created by him/herself. Please submit jpg images by attaching to your application in the email to fineartstarts@gmail.com.

3. If a *new* student to FAS, we require a letter of recommendation from one of your student's school teachers that could make mention of any artistic interest or unique gifts your child may possess, enthusiasm he/she demonstrates towards creative endeavors, and his or her ability to benefit from art instruction. Please include any behavioral, social, and cognitive developments of importance. The teacher may email their letter to us directly at fineartstarts@gmail.com, or you may include it in your physical or emailed application.

Please email your application to: fineartstarts@gmail.com, or you may mail it to us at: Fine Art Starts, PO Box 23901, Portland, Oregon 97281.

Thank you for applying!