

NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER CAMPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

SELECTION POLICY

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following:

- Need, as demonstrated by family size; income; extenuating circumstances
- A written recommendation by a teacher (preferably a teacher in the subject area of the camp)
- Student essay
- Availability of scholarship funds

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND ALLOCATION

Scholarship awards are for \$220.00. Those awarded scholarships are expected to pay the balance owed at the early bird discount fee. All scholarships are awarded in the form of discounted registration fees.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All application materials should be sent to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. All applications must be postmarked by **May 1**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be informed by mail of scholarship decisions by mid-May. All those who are awarded scholarships are expected to respond in writing within one week of receipt of the award letter; failure to contact the office to indicate acceptance of the award renders the award null and void and the money will revert to the scholarship pool.

SUMMARY OF WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

- **Camper/Parent Application Form.** When completing the attached camper/parent application form, be sure to include a photocopy of your most recent federal income tax return. If you did not file a tax return, a letter from your employer stating your income or a copy of your W2 form will suffice. A pay stub is not sufficient. If your financial situation has changed since your last filing, please verify your current status and benefit, in addition to providing your most recent tax return. Include verification of other sources of income, i.e. child support, alimony, social security, savings, housing allowances, etc. A written statement is not sufficient. All income information will be held in the strictest confidence. There is a \$20.00 non-refundable processing fee for all scholarship applications. (Make your check payable to *Northern Illinois University*.) This fee is credited to the balance of payment.
- **Camp Registration Form.** This is found in the camp flyer, available by calling (815) 753-1450, or at www.niu.edu/extprograms, and should be enclosed with the camper/parent application form. Scholarship applicants do **not** need to pay the \$100.00 camp deposit fee when submitting the scholarship application paperwork. Final billing arrangements will be made for all scholarship applicants after the awards are allocated.
- **Teacher Recommendation.** This may be either a current or former teacher; we recommend a teacher in the subject area of the camp. A form is included with this application packet for you to give to the teacher. This may be mailed separately from the two items above, but it must be postmarked by **May 1**.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact Deborah Booth, Director, Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, call (815) 753-1450, or email dbooth@niu.edu.

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PARENT/CAMPER APPLICATION FORM**

Check camp:

Visual Arts Camp

Theatre Arts Camp Junior

Theatre Arts Camp Senior

NIU Jazz Camp

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip/Home Telephone _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Mother's Work Address/Telephone _____

Father's Work Address/Telephone _____

Name of School and Name of Teacher to whom you gave the *Teacher Recommendation Form*

Teacher: _____ School: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total household income must be verified. Attach a photocopy of your most recent federal income tax return. If you did not file a tax return, a letter from your employer stating your income or a copy of your W2 form will suffice. A pay stub is not sufficient. If your financial situation has changed since your last filing, you must verify your current status and benefit, in addition to providing your most recent tax return. Include all forms of assistance, i.e. public assistance, child support, alimony, housing allowances, etc. A written statement is not sufficient. All income information will be held in the strictest confidence.

List all persons who are dependent on this income. Use an additional sheet if you need more space.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation to Applicant</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School/College Tuition Costs</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

State any special circumstances (home mortgage, medical bills, etc.) that you consider relevant. Use an additional sheet if you need more space.

STUDENT ESSAY

Write an essay of about 100 words explaining why you would like to attend this camp. Attach a sheet to this form.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND FEE

This application form, camp registration form, application fee, and supporting documentation must all be postmarked by **May 1**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. The address is: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. All applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$20.00; make checks payable to *Northern Illinois University*. The \$20.00 fee will be applied towards the balance owed. Award letters will be sent in mid-May.

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Check camp:

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Theatre Arts Camp Junior

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NIU Jazz Camp

Note to Parents and Students: This form should be given to a teacher, preferably one who teaches in the subject area of the camp, as soon as possible. It does not have to be included when you mail your application materials. It is an essential part of the application process and if it is sent separately, it must be postmarked by **May 1**.

Note to the Recommending Teacher: This form is part of the student's application for a limited number of Northern Illinois University need scholarships for one of the Summer in the Arts at Northern residential camp programs. Please mail by **May 1** (postmark deadline) to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. If you have questions, call Deborah Booth at (815) 753-1450.

These scholarships will be awarded primarily on the basis of need but the teacher recommendation will be taken very seriously when applications are considered.

Need scholarship applications that do not have a teacher recommendation are incomplete and will not be considered.

Name of student _____

Name of teacher _____

Subject area taught to student _____ Year applicant was your student _____

School name and address _____

Phone number/s (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

Describe your observations of the student's, abilities, creativity, attitude, work habits, or anything else you feel is relevant to his/her attendance at a summer arts camp at NIU this summer. Please be as specific as possible and feel free to use more paper if necessary.

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