



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Summer in the Arts at Northern

College of Visual and Performing Arts

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER ARTS CAMPS ONLINE

SELECTION POLICY

Scholarships will be awarded based on 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
- Note: A family with a gross adjusted income of \$75,000 or more per year is ineligible to apply for a need scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND ALLOCATION

Scholarship awards are for \$150.00. Those awarded scholarships are expected to pay the balance owed. 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, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115. All applications must be received by **May 3**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be informed of scholarship decisions by mid-May.

SUMMARY OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

- 1. Parent/Camper application form:** Complete and submit the parent/camper application form (next page).
- 2. Camp Registration Form:** Paper camp registration forms are available at www.artscamps.niu.edu or by calling (815) 753-1450 and must be completed and submitted with the camper/parent application form. Please note: scholarship applicants do not need to pay a \$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.
- 3. Financial Information:** Total household income must be verified. A written statement is not sufficient. All income information will be held in the strictest confidence.
 - Attach a photocopy of your most recent federal income tax return/s. If guardians or parents file separately, include both.
 - If you did not file a tax return, explain why and provide a letter from your employer stating your income or a copy of your W2 form. A pay stub is not sufficient.
 - If your financial situation has changed since your last filing, you must verify your current status and benefits, 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, unemployment benefits, etc. A written statement is not sufficient.
- 4. Camper Essay:** Campers, write a 100-word essay explaining why you would like to attend the camp.
- 5. 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 to separately from the two items above or emailed to ksherman2@niu.edu but it must be received by **May 3**.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact Joshua Anderson, Director, Summer in the Arts at Northern at (815) 753-1450, or by email at janderson17@niu.edu.



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PARENT/CAMPER APPLICATION FORM **NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER ARTS CAMPS ONLINE**

Check camp and include a completed camp registration form:

Visual Arts Camp Online

Theatre Arts Camp Junior Online

Theatre Arts Camp Senior Online

NIU Jazz Camp Online

NIU Drumset Camp Online

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 teacher to whom you gave the *Teacher Recommendation Form* and the school where that teacher works:

Teacher: _____ School: _____

STUDENT ESSAY

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

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 tax 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

This application form, a completed camp registration form, and supporting documentation must all be received by **May 3**. The address is: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115 or ksherman2@niu.edu. **All applications must include a completed camp registration form.** Applications received after the deadline day or with missing information, may not be processed. Award letters are sent in mid-May.



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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

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Check camp:

Visual Arts Camp Online

NIU Jazz Camp Online

Theatre Arts Camp Junior Online

NIU Drumset Camp Online

Theatre Arts Camp Senior Online

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. Though it does not have to be included when you mail your application materials, it is considered an essential part of the application process and must be received by **May 3**.

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** online camp programs. This form must be received by the office by **May 3**. Mail to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115 or email to ksherman2@niu.edu. If you have questions, call Joshua Anderson at (815) 753-1450 or email janderson17@niu.edu.

These scholarships will be awarded primarily based on 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 online arts camp at NIU this summer. Please be as specific as possible and feel free to use more paper if necessary.

The Northern Illinois University Community School of the Arts is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran. The Constitution and Bylaws of Northern Illinois University afford equal treatment regardless of political views or affiliation, and sexual orientation.