



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## Summer in the Arts at Northern

*College of Visual and Performing Arts*

### 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
- Note: A family with a gross adjusted income of \$60,000 or more per year is ineligible to apply for a need scholarship.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND ALLOCATION

Scholarship awards are for \$250.00. 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, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115. All applications must be received by **May 1**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be informed by mail of scholarship decisions by mid-May.

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

##### CAMPER/PARENT APPLICATION FORM

**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.

**Camper Essay:** Campers, write a 100-word essay explaining why you would like to attend the camp.

**Application Fee:** 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 for those students who attend camp. Forms that do not include the application fee will not be processed.

**Camp Registration Form:** This is found in the camp flyer, available by calling (815) 753-1450 or at [www.artscamps.niu.edu](http://www.artscamps.niu.edu) 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 received by **May 1**.

#### 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](mailto:janderson17@niu.edu).



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## NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER CAMPS PARENT/CAMPER APPLICATION FORM

### Check camp:

- Visual Arts Camp
- Theatre Arts Camp Senior
- NIU Percussion Camp
- Theatre Arts Camp Junior
- 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 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 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.

Name	Relation to Applicant	Age	School/College Tuition Costs

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

### APPLICATION DEADLINE AND FEE

This application form, camp registration form, application fee, and supporting documentation must all be received by **May 1**. 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. All applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$20.00; make checks payable to Northern Illinois University. Applications received after the deadline day, with missing information, or without the fee will not be processed. The \$20.00 fee will be applied towards the balance owed. Award letters are sent in mid-May.



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## NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER CAMPS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

**Check camp:**

Visual Arts Camp

Theatre Arts Camp Senior

Theatre Arts Camp Junior

NIU Percussion Camp

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. 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 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. This form must be received by the office by **May 1**. Mail to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115. If you have questions, call Joshua Anderson at (815) 753-1450 or email [janderson17@niu.edu](mailto:janderson17@niu.edu).

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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