
DESIGN STREET

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Design Street Scholarship Application CHILDREN / STUDENTS Pre-K to Grade 12

Semester (Check one): Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring ___ Summer ___

Applicant Name: _____ Age: _____
Grade: _____ School: _____
Parent / Guardian Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ZipCode: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Email Address: _____

Have you previously received a Design Street scholarship?

Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, when? _____

What class or camp are you interested in?

First Choice _____

Second choice _____

Need Based Qualification

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need. If your child qualifies for a free or reduced lunch at school, even if you do not participate, they qualify for the scholarship. State eligibility can be found at this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/1_-_Frequently_Asked_Questions_490187_7.docx

Could the student qualify for free or reduced lunch? Yes ___ No ___

If awarded a partial scholarship would the student be able to enroll? Yes ___ No ___

If special circumstances warrant financial assistance, please explain.

Recommendation

Please describe your relationship to this student _____

Please circle appropriate number with 1 being the least applicable and 5 the most

- Motivation 1 2 3 4 5

- Commitment to Learning 1 2 3 4 5

- Financial Need 1 2 3 4 5

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to provide transportation for my child to art class each week.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

The entire form must be complete for applicant to be considered for a scholarship. A letter of recommendation is strongly recommended but not required with application.

DESIGN STREET is a Non-Profit Community Arts Education Center in the former Plainwell Fire Station. Our mission is to provide programs and experiences that inspire, encourage, and engage the community in creativity and cultural understanding. Through instructional art classes, seminars, demonstrations, public discussions and exhibits, our goal is to explore the creative process as a community. We maintain an open admission policy and does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, ethnic origin, age or disability. Our instructors are practicing artists and art educators interested in sharing their knowledge of art.

Scholarship Guidelines

Please read the following guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the application. Most scholarship awards are competitive based on financial need and motivation. For assistance in completing the application or application deadlines contact: Rachel Hopkins (269) 615-0884

Scholarship funds are limited. It is possible that not everyone who applies will receive financial assistance. In order to provide the most effective assistance, scholarships generally cover 50% of an art class or art camp fee. Scholarships are tuition waivers, which must be used in the designated term and year. Separate applications are required for each term. Scholarships may be applied to one course selection only. If a class or workshop is canceled, the scholarship tuition waivers may be applied to another class at the discretion of the program director. Applicants must pay material fees when needed.

Application Instructions

All applicants must submit a completed application with recommendations from teachers, counselors, community, or religious representatives.

Recommendations should indicate the applicant's financial need, motivation, and ability.

If your child qualifies for the State of Michigan free or reduced lunch program, even if you do not participate, they qualify for the scholarship. State eligibility can be found at this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/1_-_Frequently_Asked_Questions_490187_7.docx

Return completed application to Rachel Hopkins at Design Street prior to completing class registration and a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the art class, workshop or art camp.

Design Street doesn't provide meals but below are answers to frequently asked questions about free and reduced price school meals. If your child qualifies for the free or reduced price meals they qualify for the design street need based scholarships.

1. Who can get free OR REDUCED PRICE meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from Food Assistance Program (FAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Family Independence Program (FIP), are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2015-2016			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419
2	\$29,471	\$2,456	\$567
3	\$37,167	\$3,098	\$715
4	\$44,863	\$3,739	\$863
5	\$52,559	\$4,380	\$1,011
6	\$60,255	\$5,022	\$1,159
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional person:	\$7,696	\$642	\$148

2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant or runaway?

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household?