



**Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc.
Education Scholarship/Grants Fund**

The Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc., known as WHAG, is a nonprofit charitable organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to:

- Build community through the arts.
- Promote artists, craftsmen, musicians and writers.
- Provide opportunities for youth and adults.
- Undertake charitable and educational activities.
- Preserve the arts and crafts.
- Provide an organization and physical space where artists and patrons of the arts may come together for mutual support, education and commerce.

One of the ways WHAG fulfills its mission is through our Arts Education Scholarship/Grants Fund. The fund is supported by donations from members and the general public and fund raising events conducted by WHAG.

Who and What the Fund Supports

The fund provides matching scholarships and grants to enable Vermont residents, age 14 and over, to enhance their growth and education in the arts, crafts, music and writing. Preference is given to residents of Orleans County and first-time applicants. We accept applications from individuals not groups. Activities supported by the fund include, but are not limited to, workshops, private or group lessons, performances, instrument rental or purchase and acquisition of art supplies.

Deadlines, Applications and Reports

The committee reviews applications and makes award decisions three times per year. Deadlines for applications are:

- March 15 (for 2010 this deadline is extended to April 15)
- June 15
- September 15

Award decisions will be made within 1 week of the application deadlines. The number of and amount of awards will be determined annually by the Committee. To check the number and amount of awards to be made for the current year go to WHAG's website (WoodenHorseArts.com). Awards will be paid directly to the activity or provider or to the awardee upon presentation of appropriate documentation or receipt. If you receive an award you will be required to provide a written report to WHAG within 30 days of using the award. You will receive an Awardee Report form for this purpose.

Guidelines

If you wish to apply for a scholarship or grant, you will increase your chances of being approved by following these guidelines.

- Request support for activities that fit the Fund's stated purpose.
- Awards can only be applied toward future expenses and are to be used within 12 months of receiving the award.
- Clearly describe the skills you will gain.
- Demonstrate potential for growth.
- Provide a portion of the funds needed.
- Make sure your application is legible.
- Attach two reference letters from non-family members; one of which must be from someone in the arts, crafts, music or writing fields with knowledge of your potential; one of the letters must be from someone who will not benefit financially from the award.
- Attach brochures and/or registration forms that describe the event you wish to attend.
- Make sure WHAG receives your completed application and all attachments before the deadline.

Where to Get An Application

Scholarship applications are available on WHAG's website, www.WoodenHorsearts.com (click on Giving and Receiving and then WHAG Education Scholarship/Grant Fund). Or, request an application by writing to Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc., P.O. Box 502, North Troy, VT.

**Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc.
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Application Form**

The purpose of the Wooden Horse Arts Guild Education Scholarship/Grant Fund is to provide funding to enable youth and adults to enhance their personal growth and education in the areas of music, arts and crafts. Applications are accepted from Vermont residents to participate in workshops, lessons, equipment, supplies (rental or purchase).

Applicant Name: _____ Age of Applicant: _____
Email address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City and Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
How did you hear about the Scholarship Fund? _____

What is your area of interest/medium _____
Please list your experiences in this area: _____

(The back of this form can be used if more space is needed. One application per financial request, please.)

Please describe how your award will be used:
What is the activity/study/event? _____ When/Duration? _____
Where? _____
How will this activity or study fit in with your future goals? Please be specific.

What do you hope to gain or learn by participating in this activity/class/event? Please be specific.

Who is sponsoring this program? _____
When is a response to this application needed? _____

How is this activity consistent with the goals of the Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc. and the purpose of the Arts Education Scholarship/Grant Fund "to enhance personal growth and education in the areas of arts, crafts and music?"

What is the total cost of participating in this activity? Fees _____ Travel _____ Other _____
Amount you will contribute? _____ Amount requested from WHAG? _____

Reference letters from _____ and _____ are attached.

Please mail completed application, along with 2 letters of reference (not written by family members; letters by those familiar with the arts preferred, with one being from a party who would not benefit financially from this award.) Also, attach copies of brochures or registration forms showing the activity. Mail to: Scholarship Committee, Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc., P.O. Box 502, North Troy, Vt. 05859.

Signature of applicant _____

Print name _____

Date of application _____ Date received by office _____ Date decision required _____

PLEASE ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

**Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc.
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Award Report**

Dear Scholarship Awardee:

The Internal Revenue Service exempts nonprofit organizations that make awards to individuals from tax liability if specific conditions are met. Therefore, the Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc. must make sure that the scholarship awardee receives the award to achieve a specific objective or improve or enhance an artistic skill. The IRS requires Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc. to obtain a follow up report from each scholarship awardee describing the skill that was improved or enhanced.

If you are awarded a WHAG Education Scholarship/Grant, it is your responsibility to complete this report and return it within 30 days following the end of your study, event, etc.

Scholarship awardee name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name of activity, study or event for which the scholarship was used: _____

Dates the awarded funds were used: _____

1) In the application you were asked to describe the arts skill, talent, or art/craft you will learn or improve through the scholarship use. Describe the specific objectives or improved/enhanced artistic skills you achieved as a result of your scholarship award. *[Example: I received a WOODEN HORSE ARTS GUILD Scholarship/Grant to pay for one on one guitar lessons to learn to finger pick and improve my strumming. After eight lessons from January - May, I am now able to finger pick six songs on the guitar.]* (Use back, if needed)

2) Written comments by the instructor/teacher/mentor (if applicable) (use back, if needed)

Instructor signature: _____

Date: _____

Return completed form to:
Scholarship/Grant Committee
Wooden Horse Arts Guild, Inc. P.O. Box 502 North Troy, Vt. 05859