



Pinellas County ArtsCatalyst Educational Access Grant

YOUTH/FAMILY GUIDELINES

OPPORTUNITY

The Creative Pinellas ArtsCatalyst Grant was created to make it possible for young people in Pinellas County (age 5 – 18) to have great arts and cultural experiences at Pinellas County area local summer camps. We expect to be able to offer between 200 & 300 grants.

GETTING A GRANT IS PRETTY SIMPLE:

1. Beginning March 12, 2019 apply online at creativepinellas.org/artscatalyst. You can also ask us for a paper application by emailing summercamp@creativepinellas.org or calling 727-582-3600
2. Meet the eligibility requirements
3. Pick a qualified arts summer camp session/opportunity
4. Complete the application
5. Receive notification from Creative Pinellas that a grant is available for you
6. Complete the summer camp registration with the camp of your choice
7. Have a great summer camp experience!

If your application is approved for this program you will be eligible to get a grant to attend one arts-oriented summer camp session (including drawing, painting, pottery, photography, and other visual arts; theatre, dance, music, filmmaking, creative writing and digital arts) at a qualified Pinellas county organization or program – as long as funds are available.

This includes going to camp at arts centers, community centers, city programs and more. (Qualified organizations in Pinellas County include non-profit arts organizations and community organizations, and city or county program open to the public who offer arts programming.) Even if you receive a grant, that does not mean the camp has space available. You still need to register and be accepted at the camp you want to attend.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Pinellas County residents between the ages of 5 – 18 are eligible for an ArtsCatalyst grant if the answer is “Yes, I” to any of the items on this list.

- Receive a free or reduced-cost school lunch
- Attend a school that is either “transitional” or “transformational” according to the Pinellas County Board of Education
- Go to a Title 1 school (check here: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/10735>)
- Live in a foster or group home
- ⊘ Am in the custody of the Department of Children and Families
- ⊘ Receive a financial hardship tuition or scholarship
- ⊘ Live in in East Tarpon Springs, North Greenwood, Highpoint, Lealman Corridor, and South St. Petersburg

HOW TO APPLY

To receive an ArtsCatalyst grant you (or your parent or guardian) must submit an online application (you must be 13 or over to apply online) or mail us a paper application no later than May 31, 2019. Creative Pinellas will process applications in the order we receive them so it is a good idea to apply early, as funds are limited.

Mail paper applications to:

Creative Pinellas- ArtsCatalyst Grant

12211 Walsingham Road

Largo, 33778

Campers and or parents can also email us at summercamp@creativepinellas.org, call 727-582-3600 or stop by our offices at 12211 Walsingham Rd, in the same park as the Botanical Gardens.

PREPARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

- € The name of the arts-related camp you want to attend (for example: “Dance Camp”) If you already have an arts-related camp in mind, please indicate it in your grant application. However, if you’re still looking for an arts-related camp, feel free to explore the list of suggested camp-providers on this page.
- € The name of the organization providing the program (For example: Largo Parks and Recreation)
- € The camp dates
- € The camp cost
- € The contact information for the camp program

- € Proof of Residency (e.g. driver’s license, voter ID card, utility bill etc.)

WHEN TO APPLY:

- The application period opens March 12, 2019
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling/first come – first served basis until funds are no longer available
- Young people (or their parents or guardians) can apply any time before May 31, 2019 although we encourage you to apply as early as possible as space at some camps may be limited
- You can apply for up to the full-cost of one summer camp program session.
- Grants must be used for qualified arts camps in Pinellas County between May 31, 2019 and August 14, 2019 which means that scholarship must be used by the time the school year starts in the fall of 2019.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you turn in your application, Creative Pinellas will review your application in the order it is received. (Make sure we receive it by May 31, 2019)

- If you are eligible:
 - Creative Pinellas will attempt to contact you and let you know (thumbs up) within ten (10) working days
 - We will also tell the summer camp that you (or your child) has a scholarship available
 - We will tell them to contact you to complete the registration

TO LEARN MORE

We are going to be out in the community to talk about the program and answer questions. Please mark your calendar to attend one of these informational meetings.

Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Largo Central Park Performing Arts Center
105 Central Park Drive, Largo

Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum
100 Beekman Lane, Tarpon Springs

Wednesday, March 27, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Childs Park Recreation & Fitness Center
4301 13th Avenue South, St.Petersburg

Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Lealman Exchange
5175 45th Street North, St. Petersburg

Attendance at one of the meetings is encouraged but not required in order to apply for the grant. For questions before or after the meetings, contact Creative Pinellas at summercamp@creativepinellas.org or by calling 727-582-3600

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- € In total, Creative Pinellas has up to 10 grants or \$1,500 in grant funds, whichever comes per organization, for as many eligible organizations in Pinellas County as possible with the total 2019 funding available.
- € Summer camps fill up quickly, so even though you have a Creative Pinellas scholarship available, that does not guarantee a space in the program.

- € No changes may be made to camp and/or camp provider selections once a grant is awarded except in the event that the camp session is full and a new camp must be selected.
- If you find out that you have received an ArtsCatalyst grant from Creative Pinellas, it is very important that you talk to the people at the summer camp and make sure to complete the registration within 3-5 business days if possible. If there is some confusion when you register give us a call. We will help you out!
- Because you have a grant from us, Creative Pinellas will pay the cost you wrote down in your application directly to the camp program.
- If the program you want to go to is not available:
 - You can use the grant at the same organization for a different arts camp session.
 - You can be put on a waiting list in first come, first serve order. Campers on the waiting list will be notified if and when funds become available.
 - If there is not a different program available, or the organization has reached its 10 grant/\$1,500 cap, you can re-apply for a program at a different organization. (Please tell us on your application that you are reapplying so that we don't think your applying for two grants.)
- Although the participating organizations in Pinellas County have the reputation for excellent programs, Creative Pinellas is not responsible for the health, safety or wellbeing of the campers who receive our grants, nor the quality of the camp experience.

WHAT IS YOUR FUNDING POLICY?

- Based on the amount of funding Creative Pinellas received from our funding partners in 2019, we expect to be able to provide an estimated 200 - 300 grants.
- Support for this, and all grants offered by Creative Pinellas depends on:
 - Eligibility of each applicant
 - The ability of each organization we are working with to accept people into their arts-related summer camp programs and comply with the program's guidelines.
 - Compliance from the applicant and the organization offering the day camp programs.

- Funds for this grant are designed to make camp more accessible to all. Therefore, for organizations that are already receiving camp funding from their municipal government and/or Pinellas County and/or agencies funded by Pinellas County, the expectation is that these ArtsCatalyst funds will go to expand the program and add more campers (i.e. in addition to rather than to supplant any scholarship program the organization already has.)
- Creative Pinellas will fund up to ten (10) grants or \$1500, whichever comes first, per organization for as many eligible organizations in Pinellas County as possible with the funding available. As participation in the summer camps is driven by the applicant's choice and funding availability, not all organizations may receive either funding or the full ten (10) grants or \$1500. Alternatively, if there are unused funds available toward the end of the registration period, Creative Pinellas reserves the right to distribute those funds to organizations that may have reached their 10 camper or \$1,500 cap at a later date and depending on demand.
- This grant funding can only be used for registration fees for summer camp sessions as per these guidelines.
- Creative Pinellas reserves the right to cancel or change the program for any reason and at any time.

Please contact us at summercamp@creativepinellas.org or call 727-582-3600 if you have any questions. Thank you and we look forward to having a great arts summer together!

As the County's Local Arts Agency, Creative Pinellas and the programs we deliver are funded by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Visit St Petersburg / Clearwater, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and by sales of the State of the Arts specialty license plate in Pinellas County.