



Pinellas County Arts Catalyst Educational Access Grant

YOUTH/FAMILY GUIDELINES

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OPPORTUNITY

The Creative Pinellas Arts Catalyst 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.

GETTING A GRANT IS PRETTY SIMPLE:

1. Beginning March 2, 2020 apply online at creativepinellas.org/artscatalyst.
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.

Qualified organizations in Pinellas County include nonprofit arts organizations, nonprofit community organizations, and city or county programs open to the public who offer summer camp arts programming. This includes going to camp at arts centers, community centers, city programs and more.

Even if you get 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 Arts Catalyst 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 Arts Catalyst grant you (or your parent or guardian) must submit an online application (you must be 13 or over to apply online). Creative Pinellas will process applications in the order we receive them so it is a good idea to apply early, as funds are limited.

Campers and or parents can also email us at summercamp@creativepinellas.org, call 727-582-2228 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 organization providing the camp (For example: Largo Parks and Recreation)
- The name of the camp you want to go to
- The dates of the camp session
- How much the camp session costs
- The name and contact information for the camper
- The name and contact information for the Parent/Guardian
- Proof of Residency (e.g. driver’s license, voter ID card, utility bill etc.)

Lots of camps are already approved for this program and are in our system. If the camp you want to go to is not there you can add it in as long as it is a nonprofit arts organization, nonprofit community organization, or city or county program open to the public that offers summer camp arts programming.

We will contact and let you know if that summer camp is eligible for this program.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- The application opens March 2, 2020.
- 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 during the 2020 grant period. We encourage you to apply as early as possible as camps fill up quickly.
- You can apply for the full-cost of one summer camp session.
 - You can only get one grant for one single session.
 - A session is a single program where generally the same campers attend without new campers joining during that period of time.
 - Typically, a session is one week, with some exceptions (especially for theater camps.)
 - Sessions are not the entire summer.
 - Sessions are not overnight.
- Grants must be used for qualified arts camps in Pinellas County between May 29, 2020 and August 7, 2020 which means that grant must be used by the time the school year starts in the fall of 2020.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you turn in your application, Creative Pinellas will review your application in the order it is received.

- If you are eligible:
 - Creative Pinellas will email you to let you know if your application is approved or not or if we need more information within five working days.
 - We will also email the summer camp that you have a grant from us.
 - We will tell them to contact you to register for camp.
 - If you haven't heard from the camp after about a week, you can call them.

THE SMALL PRINT

- € In total, Creative Pinellas has up to \$2,500 in grant funds for eligible nonprofit arts organizations, and \$1,500 for eligible nonprofit community organizations, and city or county programs open to the public who offer summer camp arts programming.
- € Summer camps fill up quickly, so even though you have a Creative Pinellas grant available, that does not guarantee a space in the program.
- € The grant is for you to go to the camp session that you chose in the application. Your choice cannot be changed unless the camp is full and you have to choose a new session or new camp.

- If you find out that you have received an Arts Catalyst 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!
- Creative Pinellas will pay the cost you indicated in your application directly to the camp provider.
- If the camp or camp session that you chose is full, we will suggest some other options. You will need to update your application with the new camp information.
- While the approved camps that are in our system have a reputation for excellent programming, Creative Pinellas is not responsible for the health, safety or wellbeing of the campers who receive our grants, or the quality of the camp experience.

WHAT IS OUR FUNDING POLICY?

- In order to receive this grant offered by Creative Pinellas :
 - Each applicant must meet the eligibility requirements outlined above
 - The summer camp session must be available and the participating camp must follow our Camp Provider Guidelines
 - Each applicant must successfully register with the participating camp program
- The purpose of these funds is to make camp more accessible to all. For this reason, any camp that is already receiving funds from their municipal government and/or Pinellas County and/or agencies funded by Pinellas County, is expected to use the Arts Catalyst funds to expand the program and add more campers (not to replace any scholarship program they already have.)
- Creative Pinellas will fund up to \$2,500 in grant funds for eligible nonprofit arts organizations, and \$1,500 for eligible nonprofit community organizations, and city or county programs open to the public who offer summer camp arts programming.
- Because participation in summer camps is driven by the applicant choice and funding availability, not all organizations may receive any funding or the maximum amount.
- If there are unused funds toward the end of the registration period, Creative Pinellas may choose to distribute these funds to participating organizations that may have already reached the \$2,500/\$1,500 limit at a later date.
- 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 727-582-2228 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.