

Homer Council on the Arts Summer Fine Arts Scholarship Policy

GOAL: To encourage youth to continue intensive artistic endeavors during the summer.

1. Scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in grades 6 through 11, who are attending school in the Homer area, and who plan to return to school in the Homer area the following year.
2. Applicants must fill out their own application and submit it by the deadline. Applicants may apply in one category only, and this should be their chosen area of study for the summer program they have selected.
 - (a) Applicant should attach brochure or information on program.
 - (b) Applicant should submit statement of what their art means to them (100 word minimum/500 word maximum), which must accompany application.
 - (c) Applicants for private lessons are required to fill out a contract for those lessons. The contract needs to be signed by the applicant, the instructor, and the applicant's parent. Payment will be held until the contract is complete.
 - (d) All applicants are required to submit two (2) letters of recommendation with their application. Letters should be from adults very familiar with the applicant's artistic abilities and accomplishments, but should not be from parents, or teachers who will be receiving funds via the scholarship award.
3. All applicants who pass the initial screening process will be interviewed on scheduled dates. The interview and artistic presentation are major parts of the scholarship scoring procedure, of which personal appearance, communications, and preparedness are key factors. Applicants should be prepared to discuss their artistic goals and general knowledge of their art form. Adjudications will be scheduled for the performing artists. Literary and visual artists are asked to submit three (3) samples of their work with their application. Visual art should be presentation ready. Music applicants must bring written music to accompany their playing, including their own compositions. Drama/Theatre applicants should prepare a 1-2 minute recitation from memory.
4. Students receiving scholarships will be awarded the final \$25.00 of their scholarship upon completing, by September 15, a brief essay describing his/her experience. Digital photos of the experience are requested, but not mandatory.
5. Scholarship recipients may be invited to the annual HCOA meeting to talk about their scholarship experience.
6. Students who have received HCOA Summer Fine Arts Scholarships previously may apply. However, students who do not turn in their evaluation essay will not be eligible for any type of HCOA scholarship the following fiscal year. In the event that a student is expelled from a program for which scholarship funds were awarded, the student must return said scholarship money and would not be eligible to apply for any type of HCOA scholarship for one (1) full year.
7. Scholarships will be awarded competitively based on the following point system:

• Complete/Accurate Application	10%
• Applicant's Statement	10%
• Two Letters of Recommendation	10%
• Interview	35%
• Adjudication	35%
8. The HCOA Summer Fine Arts Scholarships are awarded in varying amounts, but not exceeding 75% of the tuition excluding travel, materials, room and board. Scholarship awards are program specific. In the event your program is canceled, scholarship funds must be returned to HCOA. Requests for considerations of a new program or change of program must be submitted in writing and is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Award reimbursement checks will be issued once proof of payment is submitted. Private lessons awards are made as reimbursement upon completion of contract and submission of receipts.

Please retain this sheet for your information.

**Homer Council on the Arts
Summer Fine Arts Scholarship 2010 Application Form**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010.
APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANTS THEMSELVES.

The Homer Council on the Arts provides Fine Arts Scholarships to students who seriously wish to continue intensive artistic endeavors during the summer months. These scholarships are available to Homer area students currently enrolled in grades 6 through 11. If you are interested in applying for an HCOA Fine Arts Scholarship, please read the policy, complete this application, and submit to the HCOA office located at 355 W. Pioneer Ave., Suite 100, Homer, AK 99603.

Name _____ Age _____ Current Grade Level _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

1. I would like to apply for a scholarship in the following area (Applicants may apply in ONE AREA ONLY and this should be their main area of study):
_____ Theatre _____ Music – Instrument _____ Dance
_____ Creative Writing (Must submit three (3) examples of your work with this application.)
_____ Visual Arts (Must submit three (3) presentation ready examples of your work with this application.)
_____ Other: _____
2. Please indicate which summer program you plan to attend: List dates and tuition costs ***excluding room, board, materials and transportation***. You **must submit information on the program you wish to attend with this application**, either a brochure containing tuition information or a signed contract with your instructor outlining the number of classes, dates, and total cost.

Program _____ **Dates** _____ **Tuition** _____

Private Instruction _____ **Dates** _____ **Tuition** _____

Instructor _____ **Medium** _____

(Students applying for Private Lessons must complete the attached Private Lessons Contract.)

Website address of the proposal program/instructor, if known: _____

3. Do you currently attend school in the Homer area? _____
Do you plan to return to a Homer area school next fall? _____
4. Are you, or a family member, a member of Homer Council on the Arts? _____
5. You must include a statement on what your art means to you (100 words minimum/500 words maximum). Use a separate sheet of paper.
6. Two letters of recommendation are required and must be submitted with the application. Letters must be from adults familiar with your artistic abilities, ***but not your parents or the teacher of the program to which you're applying.***
7. All Scholarship applicants must participate in an interview process. Interview dates are scheduled for after school on April 12th and 13th, 2010 at HCOA. **Mark your calendar.** Your interview will be on one of these dates; no other alternate dates are available. Adjudications will be scheduled for performing artists. These will take place in conjunction with the interview. Performing artists need to come to the adjudication with a prepared piece and sheet music, including original compositions. Dance adjudications will occur immediately prior to Jubilee auditions on April 14th, 2010.

I have filled out the application and have read the HCOA Summer Fine Arts Scholarship Policy.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

**Homer Council on the Arts
Summer Fine Arts Scholarship Private Lessons Contract Form**

If you are interested in applying for a Homer Council on the Arts Fine Arts Scholarship for private lessons, please complete this contract and submit it with your application to the HCOA office located at 355 W. Pioneer Ave., Suite 100, Homer, AK, 99603.

Private Lessons Contract Form

_____ agrees to complete _____ lessons at a
Applicant's Name # of Lessons

cost of \$_____ per lesson with instructor _____ in
Price Per Lesson Instructor's Name

the field of _____. The lessons will occur between the dates
Medium

_____ and _____.

Signed:

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Instructor's Signature Date

Homer Council on the Arts will pay the instructor upon completion of the contract unless proof of payment is submitted with Letter of Completion.

**Homer Council on the Arts
Summer Fine Arts Scholarship Check List**

Keep this form for your personal records.

Name _____ Date _____

- I have read and followed the instructions carefully.
- I have read the HCOA Fine Arts Scholarship policy.
- I have completed all questions on the application.
- My parents and I have both signed the application.
- I have enclosed information and costs of the program I am attending, either a brochure or completed contract for private lessons.
- Interview/adjudication dates are on my calendar and I am available.
- My final essay date is on my calendar.

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