

The Gadsden Community School for the Arts Confidential Financial Aid Application

The Fund for Access

Thanks to a leadership gift from the Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation and additional gifts from other donors, the School for the Arts is able to provide partial financial aid to students who meet a series of qualifications. Aid is available to existing and future students in all programs of the GCSA. In order to qualify, students must submit this form and demonstrate significant financial need. Since funds are limited, please be sure to apply early.

Families must apply yearly for financial aid. In order to be renewed, students must show commitment through attendance at all activities required in the program funded. After one semester, students with significant absences may lose support for the next semester at the discretion of the Administrator. In general, financial aid will cover only partial tuition, and never covers registration fees and instructional supply fees or instruments.

Award Obligations:

- Consistent attendance at lessons, classes, and/or ensembles.
- Consistent practice and preparation for lessons, classes, and ensembles.
- Positive evaluations from teacher.
- Recipient must pay tuition bills not covered by financial aid.

Selection Policy

Financial aid decisions are made according to the following:

- Financial need, as indicated by income and/or family and extenuating circumstances.
- Availability of funds
- Progress of the student (for returning students)
- Applicant's payment history with the GCSA

Instructions

The following items must be completed and submitted to the GCSA by the posted deadline in order to be considered for tuition assistance:

- **Confidential Tuition Aid Application-** Please complete all sections of this application fully and accurately. If more than one student in a family is applying for assistance, a separate application is needed for each student.
- **Copy of the most recent U.S. Tax Form completed by your family (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ)** must be attached to the Confidential Tuition Aid Application. If your family also receives government assistance, please provide a copy of your benefits information or a payment check stub.
- **An explanation if changes exist since the filling of the attached tax form.** If additional explanations of financial or other circumstances are required, information should be provided in writing on an attached sheet.

Financial Information: Net Assets

Saving \$ _____
Investments \$ _____
Other income \$ _____
(Explain) _____

Total \$ _____

Do you own or rent your primary residence? _____

Do you own other Real Estate? If yes, please explain. _____

Monthly Expenses

Home Mortgage/Rental Payment \$ _____
Car Payment \$ _____
Credit Card Balance \$ _____
Medical and/or Other Expenses \$ _____
(Please describe) _____

Total \$ _____

I confirm that this information, to the best of my knowledge, is complete and accurate. I understand and agree to abide by the financial aid procedures discussed above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Awards

- **A letter from the administrator of the GCSA** will be mailed to inform families of their award status. Notification will arrive within 1 week of the respective application deadline. **All students who are granted an award must respond in writing, by phone, or by e-mail within one week of receiving their award letter so that the funds may be applied to the student's account.**
- Awards are given each semester. Students who are awarded scholarships in the fall semester have the opportunity to be awarded the same scholarship amount for the spring semester **if** their progress report shows consistent attendance at lessons, classes, and/or ensembles and consistent practice and preparation for lessons, classes, and ensembles.
- A small fund is available for scholarships for the summer semester. All students, existing or new, must apply in writing for these scholarships.