



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Summer in the Arts at Northern

College of Visual and Performing Arts

GENERAL INFORMATION

NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER ARTS CAMPS

SELECTION POLICY

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following:

- Need, as demonstrated by family size; income; extenuating circumstances
- A written recommendation by a teacher (preferably a teacher in the subject area of the camp)
- Student essay
- Availability of scholarship funds
- Note: A family with a gross adjusted income of \$80,000 or more per year is ineligible to apply for a need scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND ALLOCATION

Scholarship awards are \$400.00. Those awarded scholarships are expected to pay the balance owed. All scholarships are awarded in the form of discounted registration fees.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application materials should be sent to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115 or emailed to ksherman2@niu.edu. All applications and materials must be received by **May 1**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be informed of scholarship decisions by mid-May.

SUMMARY OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

- 1. Parent/Camper application form:** Complete and submit the **parent/camper application form** (next page).
- 2. Camp Registration Form:** Locate online camp registration by visiting artscamps.niu.edu, complete a registration form, and pay the \$100 camp deposit. Final billing arrangements will be made for all scholarship applicants after the awards are allocated.
- 3. Financial Information:** Total household income must be verified. A written statement is not sufficient. All income information will be held in the strictest confidence.
 - Attach a photocopy of your most recent federal income tax return/s with Social Security and bank account/routing numbers removed. If guardians or parents file separately, include both.
 - If you did not file a tax return, explain why and provide a letter from your employer stating your income or a copy of your W2 form. A pay stub is not sufficient.
 - If your financial situation has changed since your last tax filing, you must verify your current status and benefits, in addition to providing your most recent tax return.
 - Include verification of other sources of income, i.e., child support, alimony, social security, savings, housing allowances, unemployment benefits, etc. A written statement is not sufficient.
- 4. Camper Essay:** Campers, write a 100-word essay explaining why you would like to attend the camp.
- 5. Teacher Recommendation:** This may be either a current or former teacher; we recommend a teacher in the subject area of the camp. A form is included with this application packet for you to give to the teacher. A completed teacher recommendation may be mailed to us separately from the two items above or emailed to ksherman2@niu.edu, and it must be received by **May 1**.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, contact Joshua Anderson, Director, Summer in the Arts at Northern at (815) 753-1450, or by email at janderson17@niu.edu.



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PARENT/CAMPER APPLICATION FORM **NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER ARTS CAMPS**

Select camp and complete a camp registration form online.

[Visual Arts Camp](#)

[NIU Jazz Camp](#)

[Theatre Arts Camp](#)

[NIU Percussion Camp](#)

Camper's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Town/State/Zip/Phone number and E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Mother's Work Address/Phone number and E-mail _____

Father's Work Address/Phone number and E-mail _____

Name of teacher to whom you gave the *Teacher Recommendation Form* and the school where that teacher works:

Teacher: _____ School: _____

STUDENT ESSAY

Write an essay of about 100 words explaining why you would like to attend this camp. Attach a sheet to this form.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total household income must be verified. Attach a photocopy of your most recent federal income tax return with Social Security and bank account/routing numbers removed. If you did not file a tax return, a letter from your employer stating your income or a copy of your W2 form will suffice. A pay stub is not sufficient. If your financial situation has changed since your last tax filing, you must verify your current status and benefit, in addition to providing your most recent tax return. Include all forms of assistance, i.e., public assistance, child support, alimony, housing allowances, etc. A written statement is not sufficient. All income information will be held in the strictest confidence.

List all persons who are dependent on this income. Use an additional sheet if you need more space.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation to Applicant</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School/College Tuition Costs</u>

State any special circumstances (home mortgage, medical bills, etc.) that you consider relevant. Use an additional sheet if you need more space.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

This application form, a completed camp registration form, and supporting documentation must all be received by **May 1**. The address is: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115 or ksherman2@niu.edu. **All applicants must complete a camp registration form online - artscamps.niu.edu**. Applications received after the deadline day or with missing information, may not be processed. Award letters are sent in mid-May.



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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM **NEED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY NIU FOR SUMMER ARTS CAMPS**

Check camp:

Visual Arts Camp

Theatre Arts Camp

NIU Jazz Camp

NIU Percussion Camp

Note to Parents and Students: Give this form to a teacher, preferably one who teaches in the subject area of the camp, to complete it and send it to us as soon as possible. The completed form does not have to be included when you mail your application materials, but it is considered an essential part of the application process and must be received by our office by **May 1**.

Note to the Recommending Teacher: This form is part of the student's application for a limited number of Northern Illinois University need scholarships for one of the **Summer in the Arts at Northern** camp programs. This form must be received by our office by **May 1**. Mail to: Summer in the Arts at Northern, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115 or email to ksherman2@niu.edu. If you have questions, call Joshua Anderson at (815) 753-1450 or email janderson17@niu.edu.

These scholarships will be awarded primarily based on need, but the teacher recommendation will be taken very seriously when applications are considered.

Need scholarship applications that do not have a teacher recommendation are incomplete and will not be considered.

Name of student _____

Name of teacher _____

Subject area taught to student _____ Year applicant was your student _____

School name and address _____

Phone number/s (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

Describe your observations of the student's, abilities, creativity, attitude, work habits, or anything else you feel is relevant to his/her attendance at a summer online arts camp at NIU this summer. Please be as specific as possible and feel free to use more paper if necessary.

The Northern Illinois University Community School of the Arts is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran. The Constitution and Bylaws of Northern Illinois University afford equal treatment regardless of political views or affiliation, and sexual orientation.