



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE YOUNG ARTISTS' ACADEMY

Kimball Art Center's Young Artists' Academy Guidelines for Submission and Application 2017-2018 Academic Year Due: Sunday, May 14, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.

The Kimball Art Center is now accepting applications for the Young Artists' Academy (YAA) Program for 2017-2018. The YAA is a program for students who are dedicated to the study and practice of the visual arts, creative thinking, and creative professions. The selected group of artists develop their ideas, philosophies, and skills of the visual arts and creative applications through a variety of projects, workshops, lessons, and community events. Students in this program enrich their portfolios and resumes, meet local artists, explore creative professions and demonstrate responsibility and reliability. Students participate in critiques that encourage them to learn about the many different viewpoints in art and creative thinking. The YAA is an organization for students who are responsible, mature and who work hard to advance their understanding of the visual arts and creative fields. This application process is competitive.

Important Program Information:

- All students 13 – 18 years of age are welcome to apply.
- The program runs 10 months, from August 2017 – May 2018.
- YAA applications are due to the Kimball Art Center in person or by email no later than Sunday, May 14, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. Notifications regarding acceptance into the program will be sent by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.
- YAA applicants are selected on merit. Applications are reviewed by a jury made up of Kimball Art Center Board members and community members. KAC staff members are not part of the selection process.
- Students who have been in YAA this past year must reapply each year, and are not given precedence. If accepted, full participation is expected.
- For 2017-2018, there will be a \$500 supply fee per student (scholarships are available).
- The first meeting for orientation for the 2017 -2018 school year is planned for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation of the meeting date will be included with student notification letters. Students are required to attend the first meeting and parents are welcome to join the first meeting as well.

- Students who are accepted must be able to start Tuesday, August 1 and be prepared to participate in the Kimball Art Center's annual Arts Festival August 4-6, 2017. Upon acceptance into the program, students will be required to sign a participation agreement.

- YAA classes are held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Kimball Art Center studios unless otherwise noted. Students are expected to come to all classes prepared and ready to work.

- The Young Artists' Academy requires a minimum commitment of 15 hours each month for meetings, activities and projects. Students are expected to meet deadlines and to be present for all critiques and projects. Students are required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of community service if accepted (many of which are completed as a group).

- The Young Artists' Academy will be directed by the Kimball Art Center's Heather Stamenov with support from KAC Artistic Director, Amy MacDonald, Kimball Art Center staff, instructors, guest artists, professionals and more.

How to Apply:

Applications must be fully completed per the application checklist and submitted by Sunday, May 14, 2017, by 4:00 p.m. in order to be considered by the jury. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Submit all necessary items by either dropping them off in a folder to the Kimball Art Center's front desk with attention to Amy MacDonald or by emailing documents saved as word, jpeg and pdf files to amy.macdonald@kimballartcenter.org. Images should be in jpeg format and no larger than 1MB. Each image file should follow the following naming schema:

Artist Last Name_First Name Initial_Title-of-artwork

For example, Jasper Johns's White Flag would look like this: Johns_J_White-Flag.jpg

Submission Checklist for student:

- Answer one essay question typed and edited. (Punctuation and grammar count!).
- Images of two original pieces of work created in the last year (mediums of choice), submitted in the format described above, with required writing requirements as outlined in this application.
- Completed Application – Fully Completed.
- Recommendation Letter and Reference from a teacher or mentor explaining work ethic, ability to balance school and extracurricular activities.

*** Recommendation letter should be typed and signed. Please do not submit hand written letters. Recommendation letters from parents will not be accepted. We recommend asking teachers or mentors at least 2 weeks before applications are due.

Essay Question

Choose **ONE** of the following questions and answer that question using 300 words or less. Writing should be typed and edited for punctuation and grammar.

1. How does visual art impact your life and the lives of those around you? Please give a specific example on how art has made a difference.
2. Where do you hope that your interest(s) in the visual arts takes you? What are your interests, concentrations and goals? What types of art projects and events do you hope to complete if accepted to the Young Artists' Academy?
3. Who is the most influential person for your artistic inspiration and why?
4. What artist(s) inspire your artwork and why? What is your favorite medium to work in and what is a new medium you would like to explore?

Artwork Submission and Required Writing

Students must submit color photographs of two original works completed within the last year no smaller than 5 x 7 inches, no larger than 8.5 x 11.

Artwork images should be accompanied by the writing points as described below using 300 words or less. Writing should be typed and edited for punctuation and grammar and may be submitted in a word document or pdf.

Please include the following in your artwork writing:

- Materials used by applicant to create the piece(s).
- How old applicant was when he/she made the piece(s).
- What inspired the applicant to create the piece(s)?
- What challenges applicant faced when creating the piece(s) of work.
- If the applicant were to make the piece(s) again, how would he/she change them and why?

Applicant Information

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Please fill in the following and ensure that all information is completed as this is how we communicate with you!

Student Information:

Student, school and reference information should be filled out by the student applying.

- First Name

- Last Name
- Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):
- Gender (Circle One): Male Female
- Student Cell Phone or Primary Phone (this is the number we will first call or text).
- Can we send text messages to your primary phone number? Yes No
- Student Phone #2: (home or secondary number we can call):
- Student email address (or email address to send student notification):
- Student Mailing Address (this is the address we will send your notification letter):

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

- Grade:
- School Name:
- How did you hear about the Young Artists' Academy?
- Do you agree that if you are accepted you will attend at least 4 meetings a month from 6 – 9 p.m. usually held on Tuesdays and that if for any reason you cannot attend a meeting, you will do your best to notify the appropriate person at least 1 week in advance?

School Information:

Student, school and reference Information should be filled out by the student applying.

- School Name (entering Fall 2017):
- School District:
- Private, Public, Charter, Home School?
- Please list all extracurricular activities that you participate in or jobs that you hold (school related or out of school) – The YAA requires attendance.
- Please list areas of interests in the visual arts:
- Please list areas of interests in any and all creative professions:

Reference/ Recommendation Information

Student, school and reference Information should be filled out by the student applying.

- Teacher or Mentor's Name:
- How do you know this person and for how long?:
- Email Address for teacher or mentor:
- If the Reference works in a school setting, please cite school of employment:
- Please initial here that applicant gives permission for the Young Artists' Academy Jury to contact the reference listed regarding the applicant's performance and commitment to the field of the visual arts.

*As a reminder, please submit reference letter with this application, and it cannot be a parent.

Parent/Guardian Information:

To be completed by a parent or guardian:

- First Name (Mother):
- Last Name (Mother):
- Primary Phone Number (Mother):
- Can we send text messages to your primary number? Yes No
- Email Address (Mother):
- Mailing Address (Mother) *if different from student's mailing address:
- First Name (Father):
- Last Name (Father):
- Primary Phone Number (Father):
- Can we send text messages to your primary number? Yes No
- Email Address (Father)
- Mailing Address (Father)*If different from student's mailing address:

Parent or guardian, please answer the following questions:

1. Who should we contact in an event of an emergency or last minute meeting update? Please list name and phone number.
2. Does the student who is applying to the Young Artists' Academy have any physical or learning limitations? If so, please describe.
3. Does the student who is applying to the Young Artists' Academy have any allergies? If so, please list here.
4. What is the primary language for the student who is applying?
5. What is the primary language for the student's parent(s) or guardian?
6. Does the student who is applying currently drive or will the student obtain a driver's license during the 2017 - 2018 school year? Yes No
7. Is the student allowed to travel in a car with other students with permission from parent only?
8. If a student can drive are they allowed to transport other students in the car with them?
If so, how many seats are available in the car, not including the driver?
9. Can you commit to ensuring that your student attends at least 4 meetings per month if they are accepted to this program? This may require that you drive them to and from meetings, events, projects and community service.
10. Upon review, will you and your student be willing sign a Young Artists' Academy contract that communicates the relationship, expectations and the requirements that Kimball Art Center and Student will commit to if accepted into the program?
11. Why do you think this program would benefit the student who is applying?

For additional questions about this application, please contact Amy MacDonald, Artistic Director at 435.649.8882 ext. 117 or email amy.macdonald@kimballartcenter.org, subject line: YAA.

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