



Scholarship Application Information

Thank you for your interest in scholarships for Center for Community Arts and WC Recreation programs. Center for Community Arts and WC Recreation partner with the Community Arts Foundation, the Clay Arts Guild, and other generous donors to offer financial aid for low and moderate income Contra Costa County residents.

Scholarship awards cover a percentage of the class or program fee dependent upon income or participation in a government safety net program. The percentage the scholarship covers is generally from 30% to 90% of the class or program fee based on the applicant’s income, and generally 90% of the class or program fee if the applicant is participating in one of the identified government programs. On a limited basis, financial aid is also available for adult ceramics classes for residents outside Contra Costa County.

Applicants can apply for scholarship funding to participate in one program or class per quarter (with an exception for summer camps), and for year-long arts programs, preschool, and private music lessons.

Applications for scholarships are available several weeks before registration opens . Awards may vary from quarter to quarter, based on availability of funds. All application information will be kept confidential.

Please review the following process to apply for a scholarship.

Scholarship Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must meet both of the following two criteria:

- 1) Reside in Contra Costa County, except some *scholarships are available for adult ceramics classes for residents outside Contra Costa County on a limited basis.*
- 2) Either live in a household that participates in one of the following government safety net programs (Free and reduced school lunch program, CalFresh (SNAP), Women, Infant, Children (WIC), foster care, or child welfare system) OR their household income must not exceed the following maximum income requirement based on the applicable household size (City of Walnut Creek Affordable Housing Criteria – 80% AMI) per the table below:

Household Size	Annual Maximum Income	Household Size	Annual Maximum Income
1	\$73,100	5	\$112,800
2	\$83,550	6	\$121,150
3	\$94,000	7	\$129,500
4	\$104,400	8	\$137,850

Chart based on the City of Walnut Creek – Affordable Housing Criteria (80% AMI) for 2020



Proof of Eligibility (Required)

Proof of participation in one of the identified government programs or proof of income eligibility is required to be considered for a scholarship. Scholarship applications are not complete until such proof has been received.

Each applicant must submit one of the following once per program year:

- Free and reduced school lunch enrollment letter
- Proof that the child is a foster child or involved in the child welfare system
- Copy of CalFresh (SNAP) program enrollment
- Copy of Women, Infant, Children (WIC) program enrollment

OR one of the following once per program year:

- Copy of most recent Federal Income Tax Return (Form 10410/1040EZ/1040NR)
- For those who do not file Federal Income Tax, copy of 2015 Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Note: A copy of State of CA Employment Development Department - Notice of Unemployment Insurance Award Statement can be submitted in addition to a tax return if recent job loss has changed the household income reported on the most recent tax return.

Please cross out all social security and tax ID numbers before submitting any documents.

Approval and Scholarship Award Process

Scholarships are awarded on a quarter to quarter basis and are limited to one scholarship per applicant per quarter (except for summer camps and other special scholarships). A staff member from the City of Walnut Creek's Arts + Rec Department will contact you about your scholarship award if it has been approved. School year scholarship awards may be approved on a rolling basis as funds become available.

The dates for when scholarship applications are available for quarterly classes, camps, programs and private lessons can be found in the Financial Aid section on our website.

Applicants applying for preschool classes typically receive notification of scholarship approval about a month before classes are scheduled to begin. Applicants only need to submit their proof of eligibility once per program year. After approved for a scholarship, if applicants want to apply for another scholarship that program year (which is the summer through the spring) then they need to complete an application but do not need to share proof of eligibility.



Eligible programs:

Scholarship funds can be used for the following programs:

- Arts + Rec School Day Enrichment Program
- Recreation and Center for Community Arts virtual and in-person classes for all ages
- Community Arts Preschool
- Specialized Recreation Programs
- Center for Community Arts School-Year Dance and Music Programs
- Aquatics private lessons, group lessons, and water exercise courses
- Aquatics lap swim, rec swim, or water exercise passes
- Recreation and Camp Community Arts camps
- Adult drop-in sports fees

Questions?

Please contact (925) 943-5846 or email financialaid@communityarts.org for assistance with our scholarship application and process.



Classes, Workshops, Camps, and School Day Enrichment

Please complete the following steps to complete the scholarship application process:

- Review the scholarship guidelines**
An outline of our scholarship guidelines can be found below or on our website before completing your application: www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid
- Select the class, workshop, program or camp that you would like a scholarship to attend.**
To view all available offerings, visit <https://www.walnut-creek.org/departments/arts-and-recreation/arts-rec-open-now>. Please note the class number for the program for which you are applying.
- Complete scholarship application form**
Scholarship applications are available online at:
<http://www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid>
- Submit proof of eligibility**
Proof of participation in one of the identified government programs or of income can be submitting through any of the following ways:
Uploaded as a file in the online application (referenced above)
Email: financialaid@communityarts.org
Fax: (925) 988-9907

Please submit separate applications for each family member to be considered for a scholarship.



Aquatics Lessons & Passes

Please complete the following steps to complete the scholarship application process:

- Review the scholarship guidelines**
An outline of our scholarship guidelines can be found below or on our website before completing your application: www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid
- Select the aquatics lesson or pass that you would like a scholarship to participate**
To view all available offerings, visit <https://www.walnut-creek.org/departments/arts-and-recreation/arts-rec-open-now>.
- Complete scholarship application form**
Scholarship applications are available online at:
<http://www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid>
- Submit proof of eligibility**
Proof of participation in one of the identified government programs or of income can be submitting through any of the following ways:
Uploaded as a file in the online application (referenced above)
Email: financialaid@communityarts.org
Fax: (925) 988-9907

Please submit separate applications for each family member to be considered for a scholarship.



Private Music Lesson Scholarships

Please complete the following steps to complete the scholarship application process:

- Review the scholarship guidelines**
An outline of our scholarship guidelines can be found below or on our website before completing your application: www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid
- Select a Community Arts Instructor for private lesson instruction**
Instructors are listed at www.communityarts.org. Applicants must contact the instructor and confirm that they are able to accommodate private music lessons if awarded a scholarship BEFORE applying for a scholarship. Please confirm the number of lessons (max 10 per quarter) and cost per lesson for the quarter with the instructor.
- Complete scholarship application form**
Scholarship applications are available online at:
<http://www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid>
- Submit proof of eligibility**
Proof of participation in one of the identified government programs or of income can be submitting through any of the following ways:
Uploaded as a file in the online application (referenced above)
Email: financialaid@communityarts.org
Fax: (925) 988-9907

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Preschool Scholarships (Summer & School Year)

Please complete the following steps to complete the scholarship application process for preschool programs:

- Review the scholarship guidelines**
An outline of our scholarship guidelines can be found below or on our website before completing your application: www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid
- Complete the preschool registration process**
To register for a preschool class, visit at www.communityarts.org or call (925) 943-5846 or visit Shadelands Art Center. Families are required to register for a preschool class to be considered for a scholarship and are strongly encouraged to take a tour of our preschool.
- Complete scholarship application form**
Scholarship applications are available at Shadelands Art Center or online at: <http://www.communityarts.org/community/financial-aid>
- Submit proof of eligibility**
Proof of participation in one of the identified government programs or of income can be submitting through any of the following ways:
Uploaded as a file in the online application (referenced above)
Email: financialaid@communityarts.org
Fax: (925) 988-9907

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