

## **Evanston Art Center Financial Aid Policy**

### **Statement of Policy**

The Evanston Art Center will provide financial aid to individuals who demonstrate a serious interest in visual arts education, but who are in need of tuition assistance in order to participate. The Evanston Art Center will offer such assistance to the extent of its ability and consistent with the mission of the organization. This policy will be publicized to all appropriate community referral and service agencies and schools. The availability of financial aid will appear in appropriate advertising and publications.

### **Guidelines**

#### 1. Determination of Need and Selection Criteria

A sliding scale will be used to determine the need for financial aid. This scale will be reviewed annually by the EAC School Committee. Information provided by the applicant on the Financial Aid Application Form also will be taken into consideration.

#### 2. Extent of Assistance

- a. Students provided with financial aid must pay the percentage of tuition not subsidized through the Financial Aid Program.
- b. Financial aid will be available for one class per term per person.
- c. Financial aid does not subsidize Evanston Art Center membership costs.
- d. Students provided with financial aid may not also sign up as class or studio monitors.
- e. Enrollment of recipients will be distributed across programs unless the program is targeted to serve a specialized group.
- f. Financial aid is available to adult members of the Evanston Art Center and to all children.

#### 3. Administration

- a. Financial aid will be administered by the Director of Education.
- b. Maintaining the confidentiality of the recipients, staff will document all aid granted and report this information each term to the Executive Director and to the School, the Scholarship/Financial Aid, and the Finance Committees of the Board of Trustees.

#### 4. Funding

- a. The Board of Trustees will set a budget for financial aid at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. Funds will be raised through grants, donations and special events initiated by the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees or the EAC support groups.

c. The family of Margaret Klimek Phillips has established a scholarship/financial aid fund in her memory to assist up to five students per term. This scholarship is awarded to students over the age of 25 who live within 100 miles of the Evanston Art Center who register for a class (workshops excluded). Eligibility is based on need and covers full tuition plus \$50 toward supplies.

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CURRENT FINANCIAL AID SLIDING SCALE

Total (Gross) Income / Number Of Family Members

Subsidy	1	2	3	4	5	6
75%	\$14,020	\$16,075	\$20,885	\$25,825	\$30,760	\$35,700
50%	\$18,750	\$21,410	\$26,345	31,285	\$36,225	\$41,165
25%	\$23,470	\$26,735	\$31,810	\$36,750	\$41,690	\$47,720

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# FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

*You will be notified as soon as possible once your application as been received. Please attach proof of income to this form. Please submit this application at least week before you plan to register for class.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

1) What class/program do you wish to take? \_\_\_\_\_

2) What is the total tuition for this class/program? \_\_\_\_\_

3) What is your household's present, total, yearly income and its source? \_\_\_\_\_

4) Are there any other resources for income (child support, alimony, social security)? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, How much annually? \_\_\_\_\_

5) How many people does this income support? \_\_\_\_\_

6) Are there any extenuating circumstances or expenses that affect how your income is reflected in your proof of income? \_\_\_\_\_

7) How much do you think you could contribute towards the cost of the program for which you are applying? \_\_\_\_\_

8) Have you received financial aid in the past? If yes, how much and when? \_\_\_\_\_

9) For statistical reporting please circle the category that applies to you:

African American      Asian      Caucasian      Hispanic      Other

**I hereby state that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Evanston Art Center may hold me responsible for the total cost of the program should this information be incorrect or inaccurate.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send proof of income (such as form tax return, income statement from public aid) with your application form.*

(For office use only. Please do not write below this line)

Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Full Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship amt. \_\_\_\_\_

Student to Pay \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_