



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CHOIR SAN DIEGO

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

2012 Visual & Performing Arts Educational Grants Instruction Sheet

Dear Applicant:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego (MLKCCSD) is pleased to announce its fourteenth annual educational grant awards. If you are a graduating senior with a GPA of 2.75 or better, if you live in San Diego County and are a U. S. citizen, if you are passionate about and committed to your chosen field in the creative arts, and if you intend to pursue this field in an accredited institution of higher learning, we urge you to apply for one of our grants!

To apply, fill out the attached Personal Information Sheet. Add to that the items listed below. Then mail everything to us. And make sure your school mails us your transcript and GPA. **MOST IMPORTANT, MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS POSTMARKED BY March 12, 2012**. Our mailing address is:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego
Educational Grant Committee
P.O. Box 5445, San Diego, CA 92165

You need to submit the following items to us: (Please check off each item as you assemble your application)

- Personal Information Sheet** (Remember, you and your parent/guardian must sign)
- Personal Essay** (See instructions on Personal Information Sheet)
- Authorization to Release Information** (Give the original to your school and make a copy for us)
- Three Reference Letters** (TWO from school/staff and ONE from the community--non-family members only)
- Proof of Family Income** (Your parent's income tax return (Form 1040) or the equivalent)

Your school needs to send the following information to us:

- Transcript** (Give the completed Authorization to Release Information to your school office)
- GPA**
- Expected graduation date**

Any Questions? Call Shelly Parker at 619-447-2823 or email parker.shelly@gmail.com.

Finalist Candidates: Each finalist will participate in a personal interview and will be required to present either a mini-showing of his/her work or a performance. Grant recipients will be required to participate in a formal awards ceremony in June. Participants may be videotaped, with Parent/Guardian written permission, first during the personal interview and presentation and/or later during the awards ceremony.

MLKCCSD PURPOSE: We are a nonprofit charitable organization. The MLKCCSD established the Visual & Performing Arts Educational Grants to support graduating high school seniors who will be majoring (at an accredited college, university or conservatory) in the areas of visual and performing arts. These grants are available to all San Diego County high school seniors, who are U. S. citizens, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or sex. Our educational grants have been designed to assist students of exceptional talent, especially those who demonstrate a financial need. **Each educational grant typically ranges from \$1000 to \$3,500.** Multiple grants are awarded each year. Visit our website at: www.mlkccsd.org for additional applications and/or information.



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2012 Visual & Performing Arts Educational Grants Personal Information Sheet

Name: _____ SSN: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
Street City Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

Annual Family Income: _____ Family Members Living at Home: Adults _____ Children _____
(Fill in number of adults and number of children)

Are you a United States citizen? Yes ___ No ___

This is an arts grant. Please check the area of study you intend to pursue and provide details. (If necessary, you may attach a separate sheet)

- Music _____
- Visual Arts/Design _____
- Performing Arts/Dance _____
- Photography/Multimedia _____
- Literary Arts _____
- Other Arts _____

What are your Educational / Creative Goals?

Major _____ Minor _____ Other _____

Tell us about your jobs, volunteering, community activities, hobbies and awards: (if necessary, you may attach a separate sheet) _____

Please list three references: (Non-family members only)

Teacher/School Staff: _____ Phone: _____

Teacher/School Staff: _____ Phone: _____

Community/ Mentor: _____ Phone: _____

Attach a personal essay telling us about yourself and your talent. This essay is required. The following are examples of what you might want to include in your essay: What would you like to do with your life? What awards have you won? What inspires you? What challenges have you overcome? (At least 500 typewritten words, please)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Applications must be postmarked by: March 12, 2012



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This information is to be completed by student: (Please print)

I hereby authorize _____ to release to the
(Please print name of high school)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego the following information:

1. Transcript
2. GPA
3. Expected Date of Graduation

Student: _____ DOB: _____ SSN: _____
(Please print name of student)

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

This information is to be completed and submitted by school:

Grade Point Average: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Transcript: (please attach)

Signature Title Date

Please Submit Information to:

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