

## the arts empowerment project

Judge Bill Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund



Judge Bill Jones was a visionary District Court Judge who worked tirelessly to improve the conditions for North Carolina's at-risk youth and protect the rights of young people caught up in the legal system. Judge Jones was also a passionate leader in efforts to better family court practices, ensuring the rights of youth and families are protected and honored in our court system across the country.

Just as he strived to encourage and empower at-risk youth, The Arts Empowerment Project seeks to continue his mission by making enriching arts opportunities more accessible for our students. The Judge Bill Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to fund at-risk students seeking to pursue private study, special training, or personal advancement in most areas of an arts related field.

To learn more about Judge Bill Jones' career and legacy visit:  
<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/crime/article22643688.html>

### **applications now open**

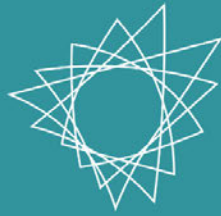
<https://theartsempowermentproject.org/scholarship-fund/>

**Submission Deadline:** March 17, 2023

**Award Announced:** April 30, 2023

**For inquires or more information, please email:**

[scholarships@theartsempowermentproject.org](mailto:scholarships@theartsempowermentproject.org)



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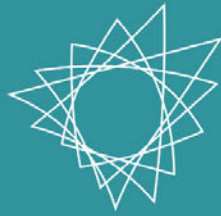
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## awards

Scholarships are awarded for a maximum of \$1,500 annually per applicant, with an ability to reapply after one year.

## eligibility requirements

- Applicant must be a student in grade 6 through undergraduate college at the time of application.
- Applicant may be involved in the social services or juvenile justice systems at the time of application.
- Applicant must be a NC Resident (ties to the Charlotte metro area preferred).
- Funding requests must be for an individual student's participation in visual, performing or other creative-based arts workshops, classes, camps, production, or arts-related research opportunities.
- Scholarship funds can also be utilized to fund an individual student's participation in programs and activities relating to the performing arts (music, dance, etc.), culinary arts, museum work (collections, galleries, curating, etc.), or textiles/fashion/jewelry.
- Applicant will need to complete a form describing the individual/family's financial need.
- Expenses relating to items such as registration, travel, meals, and other expenses directly related to participation may be covered as well. Funding subject to approval.
- Scholarship funding may not be used for standard academic expenses such as university or private school tuition, or for standard textbooks. It may be used for needed books and supplies for the requested arts-related activity.
- The student receiving the funds must be the individual applying for the scholarship. Program faculty, teachers, and mentors may assist the student in completing and filing the application, but may not apply on behalf of an individual student or class.
- Funding may not be used to help facilitate a group arts program, class or workshop. It is only to be used towards an individual student's participation and related expenses.



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## application

**In order to apply for the scholarship, each applicant must:**

1. Fill out the Google Form Application (button below).
2. Write a brief narrative (up to 500 words) about why you are applying.
3. Submit a budget sheet for the requested activity.
4. Complete a form describing the individual/family's financial need.
5. Attach at least one letter of recommendation addressing why you qualify for this scholarship.

## Google form application

All required fields in the Google form must be completed. Documents may be uploaded to the form as well.

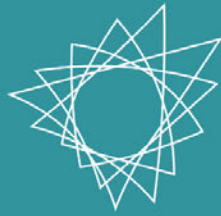
(Students may provide the contact information for a parent/guardian if they do not have their own email and phone number.)

**Link To The Form:** <https://forms.gle/tEnrCCzdNid1Kcabg>

## student narrative

Students must submit a brief written response (maximum 500 words) including the following:

- Tell us about yourself (background, who you are, etc.)
- Please describe your funding needs and how you hope to utilize the scholarship.
- Tell us about your desired learning or art content creation outcome from the award.
- What significance does art and/or creative experiences hold in your life?



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## **budget**

Please provide a web link or attach a flyer for the arts workshops, classes, camps, production, or research opportunity to be considered.

Applicants will need to provide a written itemization of the expenses for the program to which they are applying. A sample template is provided below.

**Link To The Template:** <https://bit.ly/3ytNYEU>

## **proof of financial need**

Applicant will need to complete a form describing the individual/family's financial need.

**Link To The Form:** <https://bit.ly/31TRf4L>

## **recommendation**

Please fill out all the required fields about the person providing the recommendation in the Google Form. The recommender can be a teacher, mentor, or advocate who is not a family member/guardian of the applicant.

Please upload a Word document or PDF file of the recommendation letter.