

Youth Arts and Recreation Grant Fund Mission and Operating Guidelines

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Lexington Area United Way Youth Arts and Recreation Grant Fund to financially support eligible individuals wishing to participate in arts or recreational activities throughout the Lexington Area United Way service territory.

Committee Function

The committee's function is to administer the Lexington Area United Way's Youth Arts and Recreation Grant Fund through operating guidelines and to market the availability of this fund to eligible youth in the area.

Committee Members

The committee shall be comprised of the Executive Director of the Lexington Area United Way and three to five other members selected annually.

Operating Guidelines

- Youth activities that offer positive role models, build self-esteem, and foster skill development will be eligible for funding. Examples include, but are not limited to, sports, arts, education, and youth-serving organizations. Exclusions apply for those that currently have their own scholarship/grant/financial assistance/waiver of fees programs.
- Funding shall generally be for registration fees to attend programs or activities.
- Equipment, uniforms, materials, and supplies will generally not be approved for funding. Examples of items not typically funded include, but are not limited to, balls, gloves, shoes, tents, musical instruments, books, and clothing.
- Youth must be between the ages of 4 and 18 and must reside within the territory served by the Lexington Area United Way.
- Applications are to be delivered, whether by postal mail, fax, or electronically, to the office of the Executive Director of the Lexington Area United Way.
- Committee meetings to review requests will be scheduled as needed and may be held in person, over the telephone, or via electronic means.
- This fund shall operate on a calendar year basis to coincide with the United Way's funding year.
- The Lexington Area United Way will establish the annual amount available to fund grant requests. Eligible requests will be awarded on a first come-first served basis.
- No more than one application per child in an amount of to \$50 shall be considered each calendar year.
- Grants awarded will be paid directly to the program for which the youth is requesting funding. No funds will be paid directly to any individual.

Youth Arts and Recreation Grant Application

Child's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Grade in School: _____ Name of School: _____
Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount requested: _____ (cannot exceed \$50) Date funds needed: _____

Program Name: _____
Make Check Payable To: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Contact Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

USAGE -- Grant funds will be used for: _____

SKILLS GAINED -- The child will benefit from attending this program because: _____

OTHER -- Additional information that would be useful is: _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION – The following must accompany all grant applications:

- A flyer, brochure, or something similar for the program the child would like to attend
- One paragraph written by the child (not to exceed 500 words) explaining why the child would like to attend the program and what they feel they will gain by attending it. This is only required if age-appropriate.
- A letter of support from an adult coach, teacher, club or program leader

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- No more than application per child in an amount up to \$50 shall be considered in each calendar year.
- Completed application can be submitted via postal mail or email to:
LAUW Executive Director • PO Box 36 • Lexington, NE 68850 • lexareaunitedway@gmail.com

LEXINGTON AREA UNITED WAY Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Approval Date: _____ Pymt Date: _____ Pymt Amount: _____ Check #: _____
If Denied, Reason: _____