

**Georgetown Performing Arts Alliance  
2017-2018 GISD Student Activity Fee Scholarship**

**1. Minimum Requirements –**

- a. The scholarship recipients must be eligible for the GISD “Free and Reduced Lunch Program” OR
- b. Have special extenuating circumstances beyond the financial control of the parent or guardian, such as: parent loss of employment, additional generations moving into home, excessive or unexpected medical expenses, etc.

**2. Application -**

- a. Applications must be submitted to the Fine Arts Department Office no later than September 8, 2017. (Exceptions made on a case by case basis at the discretion of the GISD Fine Arts Director.)
- b. Each student applicant must submit an essay of at least 250 words describing why the student feels that participation in the chosen fine arts activity is important to both the student and his/her parents. The student may, but is not required to, include information about family financial hardship in the essay.
- c. The student must have been academically eligible as defined by UIL for one full year prior to application date.

**3. Award Overview -**

- a. A three member Award Committee will determine: 1) how many different students will receive scholarships; and 2) select the dollar amount of each individual scholarship award. The Award Committee will consist of one Georgetown High School administrator, one East View High School administrator, and the Executive Director of the GPAA.
- b. The amount of each scholarship award may vary with individual student circumstances and amount of activity fees required for the individual student group. The amount of the scholarship may not exceed 50% of the student’s “fair share” fees.
- c. Students involved in multiple activities may submit multiple applications. Students will be eligible to receive up to 50% of the fees for each group; however, students must submit a separate completed application with essay for each activity.
- d. All scholarship awards are for one school year only and do not carry into subsequent years.

**4. Loss of Scholarship -**

- a. Student will forfeit scholarship for any of the following reasons: 1) Serious violation of the GISD Student Code of Conduct; 2) Violation of expectations established in the activity’s handbook, resulting in the removal of student from said activity; 3) Student withdraws from the activity.
- b. A “serious violation” is one which results in removal from the regular classroom, out of school suspension, or alternative placement (see pages 13-18 of the GISD Student Code of Conduct for more information).
- c. Any student who loses scholarship after it has been awarded will make appropriate restitution to GPAA for the amount of the scholarship awarded.
- d. Any student who withdraws from an activity after scholarship has been awarded for that school year forfeits a refund of student fees included in the scholarship amount.
- e. Students who lose their scholarship or withdraw from an activity after receiving scholarship money forfeit the right to apply for a GPAA scholarship award at any time in the future for any GPAA group.

**GPAA Scholarship Application Cover Sheet**

Complete this page, attach essay, and submit to your director. Your director will submit only completed applications with essays to the GISD Fine Arts Office. **Deadline** for all completed applications with essays to be turned into the **GISD Fine Arts Office** is **September 8, 2017**

Name of Student:

\_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:

Email Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers:

Parent/Guardian Email Address:

I am applying for an award scholarship for the following activity (please circle one) -

- ◇ Band      ◇ Colorguard      ◇ Choir      ◇ Dance      ◇ Orchestra      ◇ Theatre

**Dollar amount** of activity fee scholarship requested (this amount may represent no more than 50% of total fees):

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **amount requested**      \$\_\_\_\_\_ total amount of fair share fees for this activity

I have read the Scholarship Overview and agree to all the conditions if I am awarded any scholarship funds. I am attaching my essay to this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the Scholarship Overview and agree to all the conditions for both me and my child if my child is awarded a scholarship. My signature acknowledges that my child has permission to apply for the GPAA Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To the very best of my knowledge, the above named student has met all eligibility requirements to apply for a GPAA Scholarship, and the amount requested is no more than 50% of the student's fair share fee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Activity Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

~ Scholarship will be neither awarded nor denied based upon applicant's race, age, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity or disabilities. ~