



**ARTS
MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM**
LRAC4.org

**FY24 LRAC ARTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**ARTS MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**

LRAC welcomes your questions about eligibility, grant programs, and application support for grant applications. After reviewing the guidelines and application instructions, first time applicants are encouraged to contact the LRAC office for assistance before starting the application.

Grant Information

- Amount:** **Thirteen scholarships**
- For:** Students in grades 8-12 living in the nine-county LRAC Region
- Purpose:** To fund study in an arts discipline during the summer of 2024

LRAC Arts Mentorship Program Outcome: Minnesota artists say they have access to the resources, information, markets, etc. they need.

Grant Writing Assistance:

Applicants needing assistance are encouraged to contact LRAC during regular office hours. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at 218-739-5780

Application Open/Application Deadline:

Fri., December 15, 2023/Thurs., January 25, 2024 @ 5:00pm

Auditions:

A Center for the Arts/Fergus Falls, **Saturday, March 9, 2024** (in case of inclement weather, rescheduled to **Saturday, March 16, 2024** - location to be determined))

Apply Online:

Applications are submitted online through the **LRAC4.org** website - Click on the **APPLY** button to start your profile and application



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FY24 LRAC Arts Mentorship Program Guidelines

PROGRAM GOALS

The goal of a mentorship is to enhance the student's artistic creativity, skill and to promote personal growth. The program also helps qualified artists in the area by employing them as mentors.

Through a Minnesota State Legislative appropriation and the Minnesota Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the Lake Region Arts Council is offering the **Arts Mentorship Program** for students, grades 8-12 who reside in the nine-county region served by LRAC that includes **Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin.**

PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Online application materials are available to all 8-12 grade public, private, and home school students in our region beginning **December 15, 2023.**
2. Student submits online applications through the LRAC online grant system by the **5:00pm deadline on January 25, 2024.**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

LRAC began the program in 1987 to supplement arts education programming in our region's high schools by providing selected students the opportunity to study one-on-one in their chosen art with a professional artist, or participate in a workshop, residency program, or summer arts camp in Minnesota.

Fourteen students currently in grades 8-12 attending public, private, or home schools and living in the nine-county region are selected for a mentorship award valued at \$700.

The mentorship may be in any arts discipline (visual arts, dance, creative writing, theater, music, design, media arts, architecture, etc.).

Scholarships are awarded based on commitment, potential for artistic development and equitable access. **Previous formal arts training is not required.**

Program TIMELINE

- ▶ **December 15, 2023:** application process opens.
- ▶ **January 25, 2024 at 5:00pm: Deadline** for student applications.
- ▶ **February 12, 2024:** LRAC announces student audition times and Arts Assignment.
- ▶ **Saturday, March 9, 2024:** Arts Mentorship Program auditions at A Center for the Arts in Fergus Falls, MN
- ▶ **March 15, 2024:** LRAC announces recipients of an Arts Mentorship Program Scholarship.
- ▶ **April 19, 2024:** LRAC notifies students who their mentors will be for the summer mentorship.
- ▶ **May 24, 2024: Deadline** for submission of the Arts Mentorship Program Student Contract and Mentorship Goals & Lesson Schedule Form (both documents must be signed by Mentor, Parent and Student).
- ▶ **June 1, 2024:** Mentorship begins.
***Mentorship can begin when paperwork from both the student and the mentor has been submitted.**
- ▶ **September 17, 2024:** Mentorship ends.
- ▶ **October 1, 2024: Deadline** for submission of both the Mentor and Student Final Reports
- ▶ **Saturday, October 9, 2024: Arts Mentorship Program Showcase** at A Center for the Arts in Fergus Falls, MN (**attendance and participation is mandatory for all students**).
- ▶ **October 19, 2024: Deadline** for submission of Mentorship Reimbursement form