



SEEKING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ARTS DAY 2018!

The Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation is offering a unique opportunity for high school students to participate in Ohio's annual Arts Day and Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio. Several Ohio high schools will be chosen to send a team of students to Columbus to serve as student advocates. The students will participate in a range of activities highlighting the importance of the arts and arts education. This is a valuable opportunity for the students to participate in the public policy process in a meaningful way.

You are invited to express your interest in having students from your school participate in Arts Day 2018 on Wednesday, May 16th in Columbus. Please respond by submitting a brief statement expressing your school's interest and what you hope to achieve by participating in the student advocates program. The statement must be submitted by December 15, 2017. It can be sent by email or US mail (contact information can be found at the bottom of page 2). Prior to our final selections, you may be asked to participate in a further conversation about program details and expectations. The announcement of participating high schools will occur in early January.



WHAT: Arts Day 2018 Student Advocate Program

WHEN: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 9:00AM – 2:30PM

WHERE: Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts and the Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio

ARTS DAY ACTIVITIES

- Students attend an Advocacy Day Kickoff at 9AM
- Students meet with state legislators to advocate for the arts and arts education from 10:30AM-11:30AM
- Students attend the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Arts Day Luncheon with members of the state legislature from 11:30AM-1:30PM (OCA Foundation purchases tickets for students and one teacher per high school)
- Students participate in other Statehouse activities after 1:30PM, at teacher's discretion, if travel time permits

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS/TEACHER/SCHOOL

- Receive positive recognition for your school
- Collaborate among academic departments within the high school (e.g. arts & government)
- Raise student awareness of the legislative process and citizens' participation in government
- Among other preparatory activities, host a member of the Ohio Legislature in your school to discuss the role of a legislator and the process for funding the arts and arts education
- Work with a government affairs expert to understand the advocacy process and learn positive public speaking skills in preparation for legislative visits
- Make an important contribution to continued state support for the arts and arts education

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO AND DAY OF EVENT

- Select up to nine (9) students with an interest in the arts to participate in Arts Day 2018
- Oversee advance preparation by students, including some curriculum/assignments
- School-provided release time for: a) two-hour in-school legislative visit and advocacy training, and b) trip to Columbus for Arts Day on May 16, 2018
- School-provided transportation to Columbus for the students and accompanying adult
- One teacher and/or school administrator to "advise" the student participants and serve as a liaison with the Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation staff

CONTACT INFORMATION

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