

Arlington Public Schools Arts Education

FINE ARTS APPRENTICE PROGRAM APPLICATION 2026-2027

***Please read through all information, including the important dates & how to submit supporting materials on page 2**

(1/2 Credit Pass/Fail, 75 hours for the academic year)

The Fine Arts Apprentice Program provides specialized experiences beyond the regular art, music, and drama curriculum for selected high school students (rising 10th, 11th, or 12th graders). Opportunities for students may include ensemble works, master classes, attendance at professional rehearsals and performances, museum courses, small group instruction, seminars, exhibits, and performance opportunities.

Requirements and Expectations: Students accepted into the Fine Arts Apprentice Program are expected to participate in their

school's arts education program (when possible) and are required to

- attend a September/October introductory meeting
- attend quarterly Apprentice Program meetings
- submit quarterly arts participation logs/reflection (must log 75 hours throughout the year)
- participate in the annual spring recital-exhibit
- must attend a minimum of two Apprentice-organized ticketed events and/or workshops.
- Theater Apprentices only: Attend all workshops and performances arranged through Signature Theatre. A calendar will be sent in August.

Students selected for the Apprentice Program receive a pass/fail grade and a 1/2 credit for a minimum of 75 hours of arts experience outside the school course requirements. These opportunities take place out of the school day and are often offered in the evenings and on weekends. Students may select opportunities of interest that work with their school commitments and extra-curricular activities.

Students eligible to apply for the Apprentice Program are rising tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders who demonstrate outstanding achievement in and commitment to visual arts, music, dance, and/or theater and are enrolled in an Arlington Public School. Selection is competitive and will include a balanced group from all areas.

Completed applications with supporting materials must be
Submitted by Wednesday, April 22, end of day

SUBMIT ONLINE with the link below:

<https://forms.gle/xLnBjcg9wHKz89Z46>

TO APPLY All interested students, including those who were in a previous year's Apprentice Program, need to

- Step 1: Complete the application form (online and link is above)
- Step 2: Submit supporting materials according to the directions on the attached sheet, "Supporting Materials."
- Step 3: Provide **at least One** recommendation (you may have 2 submitted). Please use [Online Recommendation Form](#) (click on the hyperlink). Please use this digital form, as no personal letters will be accepted.

- Please have either a teacher at your high school, any subject area (character recommendation) and/or a professional in your arts area (this professional may be your school art, music, or theater teacher or a private teacher)

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process includes a preliminary review of the submitted materials to determine the candidates selected for a final interview. Candidates who are selected will attend a virtual interview.

Students selected for the 2026-2027 Fine Arts Apprentice Program will be notified after all auditions/interviews are completed. **(please continue reading on pages 2 & 3)**

Important Dates – Fine Arts Apprentice Application 2026-27

Wed, April 22, 2026- Online application and supporting materials due

Wed, May 6, 2026- Students selected for final interview notified via email

Mon, May 11, 2026- Interviews begin

Friday, May 29, 2026- All students notified for the 2026-27 Fine Arts Apprentice (via email)

SUPPORTING MATERIALS – Fine Arts Apprentice Application 2026-27

This year, applications and supporting materials will only be accepted electronically. Files may be uploaded via Google and should be shared to kelly.breedlove@apsva.us (read through for Visual Arts, Dance, Theater, and Music)

VISUAL ART Supporting Materials: ([see example](#)) *open link

PLEASE SUBMIT:

A portfolio of five pieces of work, including

1. At least one finished drawing or painting
2. A page(s) from your sketch/idea book (counts as one of the five pieces – can have multiple images)
3. Please include a brief statement (one page or less) explaining the thought behind your work - what you want to discuss in your images/what you are trying to achieve.

Questions to consider:

- Where do you get ideas for your work?
- What is your work about?
- What are you trying to do with your work (or in a particular work)?
- Who or what has influenced you as an artist?
- Who are some artists whose work you like? Why?
- Anything else you'd like viewers to know about your work?

Choose carefully. Do not submit more or fewer than five pieces. Strong current work is preferable.

For Photography - 5-7 images. Pieces should be printed, clearly labeled with name/title

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DANCE Supporting Materials:

1. a resume of training and experience
2. a VIDEO (link or upload/share) no longer than 2 minutes demonstrating technical proficiency and performance strength. The video may be either you alone doing class work or a performance video of solo work. Please label with your name and school.

THEATRE Supporting Materials:

1. Actors/Directors

a) a resume of training and experience

b) a VIDEO (link or upload/share) of two contrasting monologues, under one minute each, that demonstrate acting range and expertise. Please label with your name and school.

Technical theater applicants should submit 5-8 technical theater products personally created (for example: for sets, you could include floor plans, front elevations, building sketches, crew movement assignments, pictures of the final product, cost estimates, material samples, and research notes.

MUSIC Supporting Materials:

1. a resume of training and experience

2. a VIDEO/AUDIO FILES (.mp3, etc) of three to five minutes, total, of music. Please label with your name and school.

Two contrasting pieces, or excerpts, for solo instruments that demonstrate musical expression and technique. The use of an accompanist or recorded accompaniment is recommended for voice applicants but not for instrumental applicants.