



Agawam Cultural Council

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Agawam Cultural Council announces 3rd Annual \$1000 Arts Grants

Believing that students showing interest in the Arts as a career should be encouraged in that pursuit, the Agawam Cultural Council announces the 3rd year of the "Agawam Cultural Council Grant for the Arts" – a one-thousand dollar grant to be awarded to each of **two** deserving students of high-school age residing in the Town of Agawam. The grant shall be used to assist these individuals in furthering , or obtaining, education related to pursuing a career in the arts, or participation in those disciplines related to enhancing the cultural life of the community.

Grant money will be awarded based on the creation of a cultural project that reflects -- or demonstrates -- the candidate's education, excellence, diversity, and interest in the Arts, Humanities, or Interpretive Sciences.

Arts refers to the creation of work in the crafting, or performance of work in the visual, media, folk, design, literary, or similar interdisciplinary fields.

Humanities is considered to mean those disciplines dealing with human values and aspirations, human thought and culture, language, and creativity. Examples include: history, social studies, philosophy, criticism and literature.

Interpretive Sciences engage people of all ages in learning about art, nature, science, and technology in ways that explain how they relate to people's lives. Some organizations that utilize this type of activity include aquariums, botanical gardens, nature centers, museums, and living history installations.

Some examples of the expected use of this grant:

- Attending a camp, seminar, or retreat in the candidate's chosen field,
- Instruction with either a mentor or a class,
- Assistance with the cost of materials, instruments, or related apparatus.

Last year's grant winners were: Scott Urban, a superb artist; illustrator, Mikala Wollmershauser, a gifted writer; and Ryan Mulkern, a consummate musician.

Student applicants should reside in Agawam, but may not necessarily attend school in the Town. Agawam residents attending area prep schools or trade schools, as well as schools sponsored by religious institutions are equally eligible to apply for this award.

Parents and teachers are actively encouraged to refer prospective grant recipients to the Agawam Cultural Council website, www.agawamcc.org, where the guidelines and application can be downloaded. Information entered on the application must be typed. The guidelines and application as a Word doc file can be received via e-mail by sending an e-mail request to:

r.kadis@comcast.net, with “**Grant for the Arts word file**” in the subject line.

Copies of the Guidelines and Applications for the 2010 Agawam Cultural Council Grant for the Arts may also be found in the lobby of Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, and at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Completed applications should be mailed to: Agawam Cultural Council, Town of Agawam, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, -- ATTN: Grant for the Arts

Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday, December 31, 2010** to be considered for the 2010 Awards. Award recipients will be notified by February 28, 2011.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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