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## Agawam Cultural Council Announces Two \$1000 Grants

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Believing that students showing interest in the Arts as a career should be encouraged in that pursuit, the Agawam Cultural Council announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the “Agawam Cultural Council Grant for the Arts” – a one-thousand dollar grant to be awarded to **two** deserving students of a high-school age residing in the Town of Agawam. The grant shall be used to assist in furthering their education or participation in those disciplines related to enhancing the cultural life of our community.

The grant will financially assist an individual in obtaining education related to pursuing a career in the cultural arts. Grant money will be awarded for a cultural project that promotes education, excellence, diversity, and access in the Arts, Humanities, and Interpretive Sciences. **Arts** refer to the creation of work in the crafts and performing visual, media, folk, design, literary, and interdisciplinary arts. **Humanities** are types of learning that deal with human values and aspirations, human thought and culture, language, and creativity. Example: history, social studies, philosophy, criticism and literature. **Interpretive Sciences** engage people of all ages in learning about nature, science, and technology in ways that explain how they relate to people’s lives. Some organizations that conduct this type of activity include aquariums, botanical gardens, nature centers, natural history museums, planetariums, and science centers. **Some examples of use of grant:** Attend a camp or seminar in elected field, instruction either with a mentor or a class, assistance with the cost of materials, instruments, or apparatus.

Student applicants should reside in Agawam, but may not necessarily attend school in the Town. Students attending area prep schools, 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](http://www.agawamcc.org), to print, landscape orientation, version of the guidelines and application. Alternatively, a Word file can be sent to a recipient by sending an email request to [r.kadis@comcast.net](mailto:r.kadis@comcast.net) with subject line “**Grant for the Arts word file**”.

Copies of the Guidelines and Applications for the 2009 Agawam Cultural Council Grant for the Arts may also be found in the lobby in 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 received postmarked no later than Thursday, December 31, 2009 to be considered for the 2009 Awards. Awards will be made by February, 2010.

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.