

Guidelines for Applying to Grand Center Arts Academy

School Year 2012-2013: We are currently taking applications for students for next school year in sixth grade, seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Residency Requirements:

- Any child residing in the city limits of Saint Louis.
- Because we are under the legal oversight of the desegregation agreement, **non African American** students living in Affton, Bayless, Brentwood, Clayton, Hancock Place, Kirkwood, Ritenour, Rockwood, Valley Park, Webster Groves, Ladue, Lindbergh, Maplewood, Melville, Parkway and Pattonville school districts are eligible to attend.

If you would like to apply to Grand Center Arts Academy, please follow these Enrollment Procedures:

1. Visit Grand Center Arts Academy.
2. Meet with the Director
3. A demonstration by student of their artistic abilities*
4. Submit a completed Enrollment Packet.
5. A self-addressed stamped envelope
6. Submit all required documentation:
 - a. Copy of an original birth certificate
 - b. Current immunization records
 - c. Two documents showing proof of residence in St. Louis city or approved Saint Louis County School Districts. Acceptable proofs of residence include: Utility bills (electric, water, cable/internet service, etc), tax bill, homeowner's insurance, medical insurance, auto insurance, or check stub from employer. Renters must submit name, address and phone number of landlord. Proofs must be dated within 30 days of submission to the school.

Shadowing:

It is not required, but we highly encourage prospective students to come spend a day with us at GCAA. We pair your child with one of our current students, matching their arts interests, and your child goes through a typical day. It is proving to be the best recruiting tool we have to date. Our GCAA students LOVE to play host/hostess and go out of their way to help your child feel welcomed. You may set up a shadow day by calling Ms. Sharon Cross in our school office: 314-533-1791.

Timeline:

GCAA will continue to accept applications from students until we have reached our maximum enrollment. At this time, we are still accepting applications for 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th grades for school year 2012-2013. We are still accepting applications for our 6th grade class in this current school year 2011-2012.

***Demonstration:** It is important that all students interested in attending Grand Center Arts Academy are choosing us because of their interest in the arts.

All GCAA applicants for grades 6, 7, 8, 9, are required to present a 2-minute (or less) demonstration in one of the areas listed below.

1. Memorized dramatic monologue from either an existing or original play or story (not poetry).

2. Memorized song:

- ballad, or
- show tune, or
- folk song, or
- original song

You may use non-vocal musical accompaniment (tape or instrument). A cappella singing is also acceptable (no lip-synch).

3. Instrumental selection:

- classical, or
- jazz, or
- folk music, or
- show tune, or
- ballad, or
- original composition

A keyboard will be available for demonstrations.

4. Dance selection:

- modern, or
- jazz, or
- ballet, or
- tap, or
- folk dance, or
- original composition

You should bring taped musical accompaniment.

5. Visual Art: Students should be prepared to exemplify their strengths as a young, professional artist, and student. He or she should be prepared to present at least 3-5 examples of his/her finest artwork in a professional manner. The examples of art should demonstrate specific ideas and interests outside of the art classroom.

Demonstrations are to be scheduled by calling the school office. We can also schedule these during the school day when your child is 'shadowing'