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# Summer Arts Scholarship Program

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## Summer Arts Scholarship Program

- Inaugurated summer 2022
- Opportunities ranged from introductory programs to intensive programs
- Over 700 students submitted applications of interest
- Over 200 students submitted full applications
- 124 recipients in grades 6-12 received \$166,420 in scholarships to attend summer art programs in New York State
- 48% of the recipients received scholarships totaling 90% of their chosen program's cost

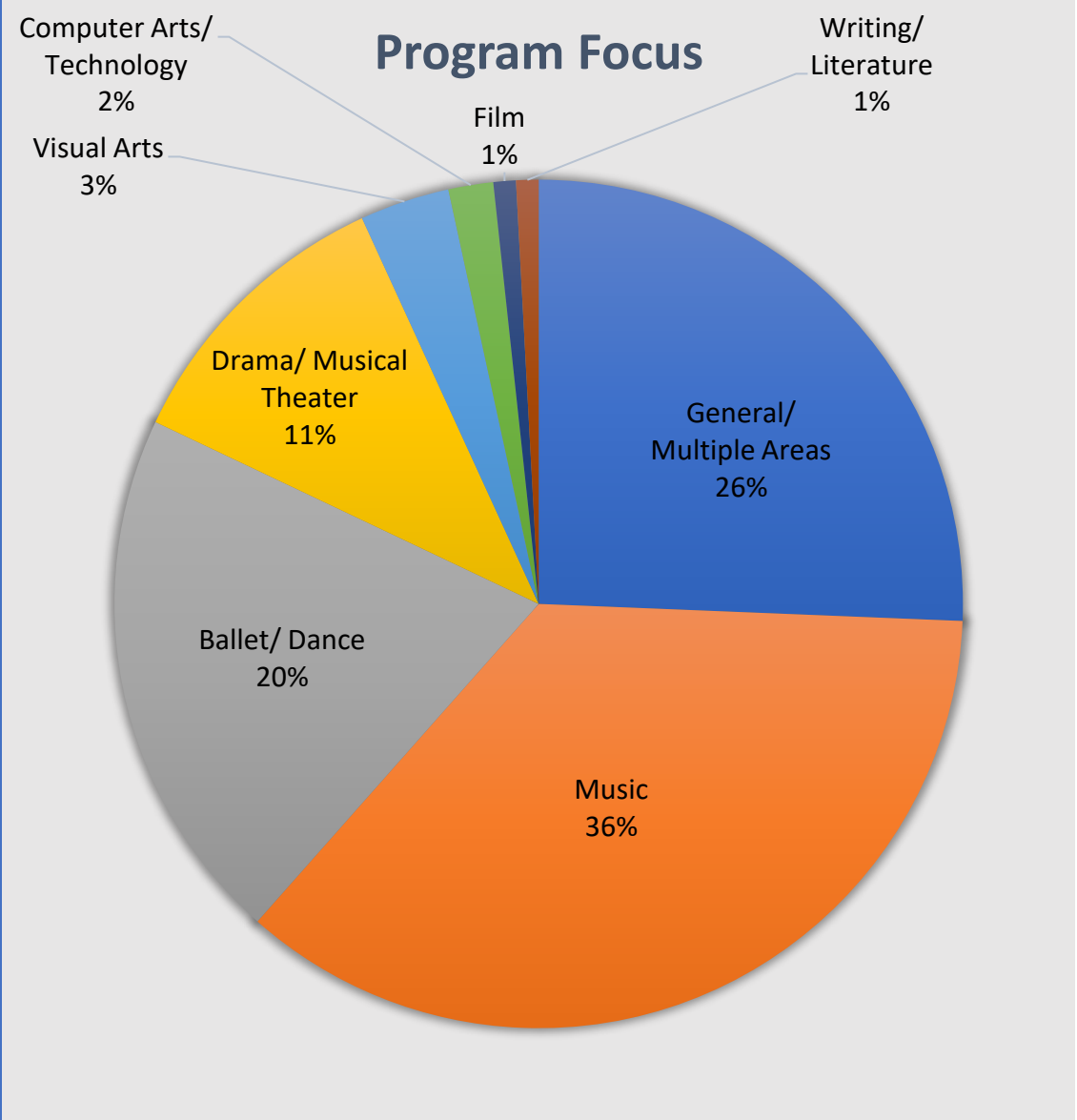
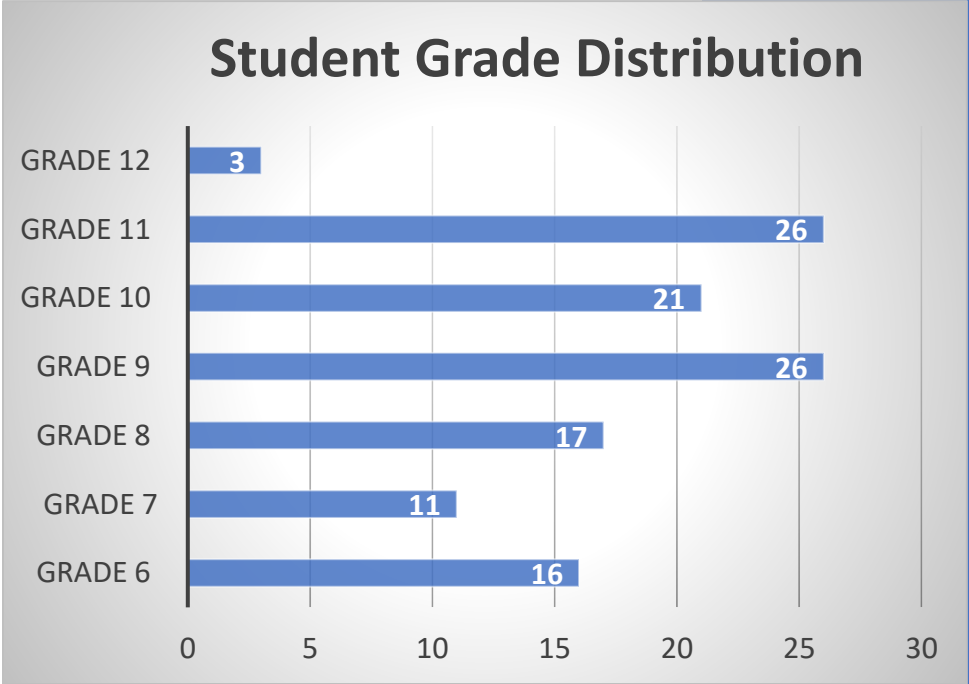
Scholarship Amount	Household Income	# of Recipients
10%	\$84,001-91,000	10
20%	\$77,001-84,000	7
30%	\$70,001-77,000	5
40%	\$63,001-70,000	9
50%	\$56,001-63,000	5
60%	\$49,001-56,000	6
70%	\$42,001-49,000	10
80%	\$35,001-42,000	13
90%	\$1-35,000	59

# Representation and Programs

- 124 students from 29 counties received scholarships
- 57 different arts programs across New York State
- **Counties with highest representation:**
- Queens (17), Nassau (17), Suffolk (12), Erie (12)
- **Programs with highest representation:**
- Bristol Hills Music Camp (8)
- Fredonia School of Music Summer Camp (17)
- French Woods Summer Camp (6)
- Ithaca College Music Academy (9)
- Usdan (16)



# Student Grade Distribution/ Program Focus



## Parent Testimonial

*"Because of the scholarship, my son was able to attend French Woods Festival this past summer. It is no exaggeration to say the experience changed his life. He was in a flying trapeze show, a rock band, and was cast as the lead in a musical. He was able to delve deep in the performing arts and was surrounded by a supportive community that elevated artists (which is sometimes different than middle school). As a Black child it was particularly special to connect with so many other kids of color who shared his interests. He made deep, deep friendships."*

*-Marissa E.*

French Woods Festival





## Parent Testimonial

*"Our son has been a percussionist for the past 7 years and his experience at the Lincoln Center's Summer Jazz Academy at Bard college was truly awe-inspiring. He came back from the intensive more focused and determined than ever and, also, made lifelong friends and studied with some of the best musicians in the world. He can't wait to do it again next year!"*

*-Greg K*

Lincoln Center Summer Jazz Academy, Bard College



## Parent Testimonial

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*"I just wanted to take the time to say thank you (and your team) so very much for your consideration in providing my son with a small scholarship through New York State this summer to help make Usdan a reality for him. He had a wonderful summer, learned so much, made great friends, and spent his time in a very positive way that I could not have made happen otherwise."*

-Diane H.





## Parent Testimonial

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*"The summer arts scholarship program gave my daughter a great opportunity to expand her skill set in ballet. Prior to obtaining the scholarship, we had limited resources to pay for dance classes beyond the support she was receiving from her teachers. With the scholarship, she was able to continue to work with her teachers through the summer months and for more sessions. In addition, her skill in voice and piano improved tremendously. Thank you so much."*

*-Henrietta A.*



## Parent Testimonials



*"Our daughter participated in a 3 week, hip-hop intensive at Joffrey Ballet. She LOVED it! She said she learned more about hip-hop technique in three weeks than she had since she started dancing three years ago. They also had the dancers work on and review a resume and headshot. They got to perform in a flash mob, a music video, and a final performance.*

*So, it was great both for technique and for preparation for the future. Our daughter would not have been able to participate in this program without the financial assistance provided through New York State. It was truly the highlight of her summer!*

*Thank you again for providing this incredible opportunity for our daughter last summer."*

*-Stacy C.*

*"Thank you so much for the NYS Summer Arts Scholarship. My son was able to attend the Music Production & Songwriting Camp at SOCAPA (School of Creative and Performing Arts- NYC). He really enjoyed the 3- week session and was able to utilize a professional music production studio to create his final performance piece.*

*Opportunities like these keep the youth in a positive frame of mind and stimulate their creativity!"*

*-Chrisandra W.*



## Parent Testimonial

*"Our daughter got so much out of her experience this summer at Ashcan Art School in Flushing NY. It rapidly took her drawing to a whole new level. She was at a stage where she was doing very basic tracing or copying of images - but then quickly blossomed to a whole new skillset that allows her to draw realistically from still lifes and photos. The scholarship gave her the tools to keep building towards a potential portfolio for high school admissions.*

*We are so grateful."*

*-Paula T.*



## Student Testimonial

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*"With the incredible gift of the scholarship last summer I was so very fortunate to have been able to attend four weeks of the Kaatsbaan Summer Ballet Intensive in Tivoli, NY.*

*This scholarship benefited me greatly by helping my family afford this wonderful program that improved my ballet technique and dance abilities."*

*-Tara S.*



## Program Testimonial

*“When you stepped in last year, that saved money that would have come out of pocket of the organization... both the organization and families benefitted from the Summer Arts Scholarship program. This serves so many areas of a child's life and is essentially important to kids who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity.”*

*-Mary D'Amico – Executive Director, Young Actors Guild of the Capital Region  
Troy, NY*



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## Program Testimonial

*"I am grateful for your assistance and additional information in this regard, and for the generous support of our campers from this past summer's program.*

*This video includes several of the campers that your scholarship helped support, so I hope it gives a fun glimpse into our program and the music-making that takes place."*

*-Bradley Whittemore, Director of Music Admission,  
Whalen Center for Music Ithaca College School of Music,  
Theatre, & Dance  
- Ithaca, NY*



## Program Testimonial

*"Thanks to the generous funds from the 2022 summer arts scholarship program, eight student musicians were able to attend Bristol Hills Music Camp this past summer."*

*"In these uncertain economic times, we greatly appreciate New York State stepping up to the plate and awarding this opportunity to these deserving students."*

*-Phil and Catherine Pandori - Co-Directors, Bristol Hills Music Camp Canandaigua, NY*



## Program Testimonial

*"I was thrilled when one of our parents contacted me with the news they could send their child to our Summer Orchestra Program intensive thanks to a Summer Arts Scholarship this past year. Being in Westchester County we are familiar with how expensive quality summer programs are for some families, and this opportunity made possible by your scholarship not only gave the student a chance to hone their musical technique and ensemble playing, but it brought us closer to a family that loves and appreciates the arts and now considers us their musical home. It's this type of relationship that keeps our organization going and reminds us how important our mission and values are."*



*-Jake Robinson - Assistant Dean, The Music Conservatory of Westchester  
White Plains, NY*

## Program Testimonial

*"The scholarship funds provided by the Summer Arts Scholarship program have afforded several Rochester-area students the opportunity to immerse themselves in meaningful artistic experiences and expand their growth and commitment to the craft at Geva Summer Academy. By making summer arts programs accessible for all students, this scholarship fund continues the valuable and significant work of investing in the artistic journeys and development of today's students - who will become the artists, patrons, thinkers, activists, and citizens of tomorrow."*

*-Lara Rhyner – Acting Education Director, Geva Theatre  
Rochester, NY*

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# Program Testimonial

*"Summer Classical Studies presents unique opportunity for high school students to gain valuable insight into demands of collegiate life and music as an undergraduate degree. Despite merit and need based financial awards we provide, cost for three weeks of housing expenses and tuition present significant challenge for families. In many cases, the additional support which students receive from funds such as NY's Summer Arts Scholarship program play a critical role in their ability to attend our program."*

*-Dr. Petar Kodžas, Associate Dean and Director of Eastman Community Music School  
Director, Summer Classical Studies*





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