

ACCESS the ARTS

The **ACCESS the ARTS** program is a fund supported by donations from grants, special events, individuals, corporations and community organizations that provides access to arts education programming at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. The program is designed to fund any student or organization who desires to experience the Arts at the Sandler Center and may not have the financial means to do so.

The funding provided by the **ACCESS the ARTS** program is used to assist schools and organizations with the costs associated with arts education programming at the Sandler Center, and may not be used for the purchase of tickets not included in the current season's education offerings. The financial assistance for the programs does not cover the costs associated with transportation to the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts.

The program will fund requests from schools/organizations on a first come basis. However, schools and organizations may apply for funding to attend more than one workshop, master class, student matinee or public performance on their application each year.

In order for your application to be accepted for consideration, your packet must contain the required information below and **must be submitted no later than three weeks in advance of the proposed program date**. Please keep in mind that the matinee shows are popular, and we recommend submitting applications as early as possible. **Applications will be accepted beginning August 3, 2015**. Applicants will be notified of a decision within two weeks of submitting an application. Below are the requirements for applications:

- I. A fully completed **ACCESS the ARTS** program application
- II. A statement of request for assistance explaining how the Sandler Center Foundation's Education Program will benefit the students attending and/or specific Virginia Standards of Learning requirements and curriculum being studied at the time of the proposed program on official school/organization letterhead is required and must be signed by a principal or administrator. The letter of request must accompany all applications and may not be submitted in lieu of a completed application.
- III. A Sandler Center Reservation Request form
- IV. Please ask for class participants and teachers to write a thank you note to the Sandler Center Foundation and its funders for providing them the opportunity to attend a show at the Sandler Center. This can be done as creatively as you like, and can be done before or after attending the performance.

**Please note that applications which are incomplete may be ineligible for assistance.*

Submit by mail or fax to:

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