**YOUTH ARTS GRANT CRITERIA**

AIM

The aim of the Youth Arts Grant Scheme (“the Scheme”) is to provide support to young ‘artists’ who have shown excellence in their art discipline so that they may continue to develop and expand their area of expertise or perform at a national or international level or exhibit work in a major exhibition.

Grants will be granted without any further conditions not specified in the below criteria.

CRITERIA

The Scheme is available to:

* Youth over 15 years but under 21 years on 31 December in the year of the activity for which funding is allocated
* Individuals only
* Applicants resident in the Whakatane District – or if currently in tertiary education still have roots here (family connections, regular visits)
* Arts related disciplines including visual, written, spoken, performed

Each application must be supported with evidence of excellence achieved and a description of the activity for which the funding is to be used

The amount of each grant awarded will depend on the merit of the application. The total amount allocated in the period must not exceed the balance of the fund

All applications will be considered by the Committee of Arts Whakatane (“Committee”).

Committee may consider a phone interview prior to agreeing to a grant

Committee has the right to turn down any application deemed outside the aims of the Scheme

Committee’s decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into

Application must be in the applicants writing on the supplied application form

Recipients will be expected to report back to Committee in an appropriate manner

SUGGESTED USES FOR GRANT MONEY

Suggested uses include:

* Materials and/or fees for other than basic education at secondary or tertiary institutes
* Travel to summer school / seminar / extension course
* Travel to an event in which the applicant is a participant
* Specialist equipment / materials / instrument
* Costs involved in mounting an exhibition