**Valley Academy for the Arts Tuition Relief Program**

Valley Academy offers financial aid as part of its mission to provide greater access to arts and dance education. Valley Academy for the Arts is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to making a quality arts education available to students and families for the Fox Valley and surrounding areas. Tuition Relief funds are limited and are awarded based on a comprehensive need-based scale. We offer tuition relief programs on a sliding scale for families up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. (To see if you are eligible, follow this link: http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/2017-federal-poverty-levels)

Families and students wishing to apply for financial aid must return the Tuition Relief application form along with supporting documentation by the stated deadline to guarantee consideration. An interview will be scheduled to meet with the student and family requesting tuition relief and tuition relief awards are determined by the interview committee.

Valley Academy for the Arts also provides a variety of Work Exchange opportunities which can help to defray the cost of tuition. Work Exchange opportunities are also limited and are based on the need of the organization. Please contact office@valleyacademyarts.org to inquire about these opportunities.

Work Exchange and Tuition Relief funding may be withdrawn at any time based on the discretion of Valley Academy for the Arts faculty or staff if it is found that the student or family have not complied with the terms and conditions with which they have agreed to abide. In cases of suspension or dismissal, tuition will not be refunded. Please note that tuition relief and work exchange awards apply only to the core curriculum and not towards Master classes. For more information contact: office@valleyacademyarts.org.

**Required documentation for the Tuition Relief application:**

Completed and signed application.

Copies of the past two years’ complete tax returns. (We require the complete tax return, including all supporting forms. If parents are divorced and both parents are responsible for sharing the child’s extracurricular expenses, both parents’ tax returns are required.)

**Application Deadline:** application completed before the first week of class.

**Valley Academy for the Arts**

**Tuition Relief/Work Study Application**

**Student Info**

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Home\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Work\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Household Size\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(determined by number of people living in your home).

Estimated Household Annual Income\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial obligations required for other extra-curricular activities** (please list activities along with the associated costs and fees):

**Applying for (circle):** 10% scholarship (criteria for 100% scholarship includes presenting a reduced-lunch ticket)

75% tuition reduction

50% tuition reduction

25% tuition reduction

10% tuition reduction

**Work Exchange:** Please circle any areas you would be comfortable serving your work exchange:

Customer Service Special Events / Performance Volunteer / Maintenance and Repair / Landscaping/ Snow Removal/ Costumes (washing, mending)/ Cleaning studio areas (bathrooms, common public areas, / Laundering Hand Towels.

Other (please list below)

**Parent/Guardian Essay** (please write a brief explanation for why you are applying for relief):

**Student Essay/Statement** (please have your student write a brief statement about why they want to participate in arts education along with a statement of intent. If your child is under the age of 8, please write it on their behalf):

**By signing this application,** I agree that everything in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I agree to submit the required documents and participate in an in-person interview with my child. I also understand that Tuition Relief funding may be withdrawn at any time based on the discretion of Valley Academy for the Arts faculty or staff if it is found that the student or family have not complied with the terms and conditions with which they have agreed to abide. In cases of suspension or dismissal, tuition will not be refunded. Please note that tuition relief and work exchange awards apply only to the core curriculum and not towards Master classes.

**Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**