



The Frederick Sincere Music & Arts Scholarship, in memory of Alfred Michael Lester (Frederick Sincere) honors his passion for music artistry and cultural awareness.

At the age of three, the native of Paterson, NJ, began playing the drums and a few years later picked up the saxophone. As an entrepreneur, he was widely known as "DJ Sincere" throughout New Jersey, Georgia and Alabama.

Aside from working as a fashion stylist, his next love was introducing youth to music and sharing his love for music with all. He often gave neighborhood kids the opportunity to learn and experience music by providing free lessons and jam sessions.

This scholarship will continue his legacy and love for the arts via instrumental and vocal lessons for youth. It will also provide access for youth to experience various forms of the arts through field trips, cultural outings, and workshops. Scholarships will be awarded annually.

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Application Requirements

Individuals:

The scholarship is awarded annually to youth ages 7 to 18 to explore their interests in the arts and music. Applicants can engage in individual or group lessons in the arts, including but not limited to instrumental, vocal, acting, dance or visual arts. Other areas will be reviewed on individual basis and eligibility will be determined by review committee.

Scholarship will be awarded for six months to jumpstart skill and awareness, or advance current skills. Parents or guardians agree to continue lessons at the conclusion of the grant. Applicants can re-apply, provided they have had successful experiences with previous lessons. Preference will be given to new applicants to allow others the opportunity to explore their artistic journey.

The Sincere Scholarship team may require auditions or an interview as a part of the final selection process to assess interest and ensure ability to continue study. Scholarship will range from \$250 to \$1000 per student.

Organizations:

Organizations must be a 501c3 non-profit agency that specializes in activities for youth up to 18 years old.

Scholarship may be utilized to provide music and cultural experiences for participants in the program through special presentations, workshops and/or field trips to explore the arts. Field trips can include museums, stage plays, musical and cultural outings. It may also be utilized to supplement budgets for programs already in place that explore arts and culture. Students are expected to create a report/presentation after experiences to show value of the outing.

Organizations may receive a grant annually but must apply each year. Grants range from \$250 to \$1000 each year.

Reporting Requirements:

Individuals and organizations are expected to submit a report at the end of the grant experience to advise outcome of their program, value of the experience and any issues or concerns regarding the grant process.

For individuals – grant will be issued directly to the instructor providing services. Organizations will receive their grant directly.

Application (Individual)

(Submit via email: sincerescholarship@gmail.com)

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT(S): _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

What area of the arts and you interested in? _____

What will you use your scholarship for? _____

Do you have an instructor? If yes, list name and contact: _____

How long have you been involved in your artistry? _____ First time: YES NO

Are you currently taking lessons? YES NO If yes, how long? _____

What is the cost of your current lessons? _____ How often? _____

What school do you attend? _____ Grade: _____

Please submit an essay (min. 200 words) indicating why you want to explore music and arts programs. Attach on a separate sheet of paper – typed preferred. Parents may assist younger applicant.

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COMMITTEE REVIEW: Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Eligible: YES NO Interview Needed: YES NO Date: _____

Essay Received: YES NO Level: Novice Intermediate Advance

Category: _____ PFAY YES NO

Comments: _____

APPROVED: YES NO