FRESHMAN APPLICATION STEPS

Thank you for your interest in applying to The Chicago High School for the Arts! Here are the steps for admission:

1. Application. A complete application is achieved by finishing this checklist:

   - Accurately complete and sign the application. **The application must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian.**
   - Provide a copy of student’s most recent standardized test scores showing composite score (ACT, PACT, Explore, Terra Nova, ITBS, etc).
   - Provide a copy of up-to-date transcript, showing all high school credits earned.
   - Deliver all of the above materials via email, mail, fax, in-person or in one envelope to the address listed below by the deadline listed on the chiarts.org/apply/apply_transfers website.

   It is the responsibility of the student and family to ensure that the application and documents are received by ChiArts. The application deadline is determined by the admissions office. Applications received after the deadline determined by the admissions office will not be considered. Applications that do not have their supporting documents (test scores and absences) delivered to ChiArts by the deadline will not be considered.

2. Audition. ChiArts will begin notifying students in as soon as possible if they are eligible to audition. **Not every applicant is guaranteed an audition; academic requirements must be met.** If eligible, an audition date and time will be scheduled as needed each semester, dates to be determined by admissions office. Not all auditions may be rescheduled. Students will be notified of their audition by e-mail. If an e-mail is not listed, we will use the mailing address listed.

   Please note: due to the high volume of applications, phone inquiries are not taken regarding a student’s status. Please direct all inquiries to admissions@chiarts.org.

   **Residency:** Non-Chicago residents may apply, but any student accepted into ChiArts must provide proof of City of Chicago residency by July 1st prior to their first term at ChiArts.

Mail or deliver your complete application and supporting documents no later than deadline determined by admissions office:

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Attention: Admissions
The Chicago High School for the Arts
2714 W Augusta
Chicago, IL 60622
Or fax to 773.534.4022, Attn: Admissions
Or via CPS Mail Run: G.S.R. #35
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TRNSFR APPLICATION:
Sophomore     Junior     Senior
### SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Please Note:** It is important that you provide accurate, updated information. ChiArts contacts you via the information that you provide on this application. If a family supplies us with an email address and phone number, we assume that the family sees it as a proper form of communication, and will check it regularly.

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How did you hear about ChiArts?:

- [ ] CPS High School Fair
- [ ] Teacher/Counselor Referral
- [ ] Friend or Family
- [ ] School Visit
- [ ] Word of mouth
- [ ] Postcard
- [ ] Poster
- [ ] Chicago Park District
- [ ] ChiArts student
- [ ] Other: [ ]

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### SECTION II - PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

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Parent/Guardian Name 2

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Home Phone: ( _______ ) ______________

Work Phone: ( _______ ) ______________

Cell Phone: ( _______ ) ______________

Parent 2 E-mail: ____________________________

SECTION III - ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Please note: Students may apply/audition for no more than two arts concentrations.

To prepare for the audition, please review the audition requirements listed on our website at www.chiarts.org/apply/process/.

Student Name: __________________________

I would like to apply and audition for:

Select no more than two, and indicate your first and second preference with a "1" and "2."

- Dance
- Visual Art
- Theatre: Acting
- Creative Writing
- Theatre: Musical Theatre
- Music: Voice
- Music: Instrumental (instrument)_______________________
- Music: Instrumental (instrument)_______________________

*Instrumental applicants must have some experience playing instrument

MUSIC: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Music:

Can you read sheet music [notes printed on a page]? □ Yes □ No

List any experience, training, or music lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher/school, and how old you were when you took the lessons:

________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

Does your experience or training come from an elementary/middle school? □ Yes □ No

If yes, was it a band program and for how many years? □ Yes, # of years________

Does your experience or training come from an independent music school? □ Yes □ No

Do you study with a private teacher? □ Yes □ No If yes, what is your teacher’s name and how many years?

________________________________________________________________________________

VISUAL ARTS: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Visual Arts:

Have you had any drawing, painting, sculpting, or photography experience or training? □ Yes □ No

If no, are you self-taught? □ Yes □ No

Does your experience or training come from an elementary/middle school? □ Yes □ No

Does your experience or training come from a private teacher or independent visual arts school? □ Yes □ No

List any experience or art lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher/school, and how old you were when you took the lessons:

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### SECTION III - ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE (cont’d)

Student Name: ________________________________

#### DANCE: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Dance:

- Have you ever had ballet training?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐  
  - If yes, how old were you, and for how long? __________________________ (9-12 months of consecutive training equals 1 year)

List any experience, training, or dance lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher/school, and how old you were when you took the lessons:

- ________________________________________________________________
- ________________________________________________________________
- ________________________________________________________________

- Does your experience or training come from an elementary/middle school?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐
- Does your experience or training come from an independent dance studio?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐  
  - If yes, what is the name of the school, what styles of dance did you study, and how many years? __________________________________________________________

#### THEATRE: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Theatre: Acting or Musical Theatre:

- Have you had any prior acting experience or training?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐  
  - If yes, please answer the following:

  - Does your experience or training come from an elementary/middle school?  
    - Yes ☐  
    - No ☐
  - Does your experience or training come from a private teacher or theatre school/company?  
    - Yes ☐  
    - No ☐  
    - If yes, what is the name of the teacher or school/company, and how many years?______________________________________________________

  1. List any experience or lessons you have taken. Include the name and contact information of the teacher/school, and how old you were when you took the lessons.

  - ________________________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________________________

- Additional questions if applying for Musical Theatre:

  List any dance classes or lessons you have taken: ________________________________

  List any music classes or lessons you have taken: ________________________________

#### CREATIVE WRITING: Complete these questions only if you are applying for Creative Writing:

- Have you had any prior poetry, fiction, playwriting, or creative non-fiction, experience or training?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐

- Does your experience or training come from an elementary/middle school?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐  
  - What grade were you in? __________

- Does your experience/training come from an independent organization or a private teacher?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐  
  - If yes, what is the name of the teacher or school/company, and how many years?______________________________________________________

- Do you write outside of school?  
  - Yes ☐  
  - No ☐  
  - If yes, about how many hours do you spend writing per month? __________________________

- What do you write most of the time? (pick your top one or two):
  - Fiction [stories, novels]
  - poetry [poems, lyrics]
  - plays or movies
  - creative non-fiction [essays in which you choose the topic, memoir, articles]

- List any publication credits here [title of the publication, title of your work, date published]: ________________________________________________________________
SECTION III - ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE (cont’d)

Required of all students:
Why do you want to attend ChiArts? What are your artistic goals? Is there anything else you would like the school to know?

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SECTION IV - REQUIRED SIGNATURES (To be completed by the student & parent/guardian)

Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply. If your child is selected for an audition and requires an appropriate accommodation noted in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), we can provide this modification IF a copy of the IEP has been provided at least 30 days prior to audition.

To the best of my knowledge, I affirm that all responses contained in this application are true and correct. I understand that this application is only for consideration for ChiArts admission, and does not guarantee admission. I am aware that students must show proof of Chicago residency by July 1st prior to the term of entry. I consent for my child to audition for the admissions process, and will make them available for the published audition dates. I understand my child’s test results and attendance records will be reviewed by ChiArts, and that my child will not be invited to audition if the scores and attendance do not qualify. I am aware that I must make my child available on the dates provided by admissions if selected for audition.

☐ My student does not meet ChiArts’ academic requirements. I would like to request special consideration. I understand that auditions are not guaranteed for students who do not meet the minimum requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date ____________

Student Signature __________________________ Date ____________

Print Student Name ____________________________________________

When submitting this application, you must include the following:
☐ Copy of most recent standardized test scores showing composite score (ACT, PACT, Explore, Terra Nova, ITBS, etc).
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