



Performing Arts Department: Music Department New Student Application

“The arts not only enrich community, the arts are community. Perhaps better than all other symbols, the arts cut across separations; they give rise to many voices, making it possible for people who are racially, economically, and ethnically divided to begin to understand one another on a more authentic level. The arts connect each new generation to those that have gone before. The arts are society’s gift to itself; linking hope to memory, inspiring courage and discipline, enriching our celebrations, making our tragedies bearable.”

-Ernest Boyer





General Information

All students applying for acceptance in the Music Strand will participate in an interview and a portfolio review in April. Each student must demonstrate above-average ability and/or potential. The Director of AAI will notify students regarding interview dates and times upon receipt of the completed application.

AAI Funding

Funding of this extensive arts program is provided in the following manner:

District Funding

The Northern Humboldt Union School District strongly supports the AAI program. Other funding comes from the following:

Fund-raising/Sponsorship

All students will be requested to participate in two major fund-raising activities per year. All parents are encouraged to sponsor part of our program via donations of time, money and/or in kind contributions.

Grants

Instructors, artists, parents, and students are encouraged to pursue available grant options.

Application check list

(Do not send in an incomplete application)

- 1. Application
- 2. Transcript
- 3. Resume
- 4. Essay
- 5. Teacher Evaluation
- Enclosed Sent Separately

Audition Requirements Performing Arts Department: Music Department

All auditions will be a maximum of 10 minutes in length: 5 minutes for prepared work and 5 minutes for scales and sight-reading. Please prepare work that does not require an accompanist. The music audition will consist of the following:

Instrumental Emphasis

1. Demonstrate knowledge of major and melodic minor scales.
2. Come prepared with two distinct styles of solo playing:
 - a. Slow, lyric, and melodic
 - b. Fast, technical and rhythmic
3. Demonstrate sight reading
4. Bring an extra copy of your music for the conductor.
(Music will be returned after the audition.)

Vocal Emphasis

1. Demonstrate knowledge of major and minor scales
2. Prepare and demonstrate two distinct styles of singing
3. Demonstrate sight-singing ability

Students will be notified of acceptance into the program within three weeks of interviewing.



1. Please fill in the blanks:

Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail _____

Age _____ Grade in School as of August _____

Please check your areas of interest and the years you have studied in any of these areas:

Classical _____ Jazz _____

Instrumental _____ Technology _____

Composition _____ Vocal _____

Instrument(s) played:

_____ Years _____

_____ Years _____

_____ Years _____

Please list the last three teachers with whom you have studied:

Name _____

Phone(____) _____

Name _____

Phone(____) _____

Name _____

Phone(____) _____

Please list ensembles you have performed with. Include orchestras/jazz groups/vocal ensembles. _____

Please list the music you plan to present at the audition:

Describe any other area of musical interest you have:

Directory Information

Parent Guardian Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Work Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature _____

Parent Guardian Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Work Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature _____



2. Academic Transcript

Please attach an official copy of your academic transcript from your present school.

The school I am now attending is:

Name of school _____

The public high school DISTRICT in which I live is:

I understand that, if accepted for AAI and live outside of the district, I must secure the appropriate transfer from my current district of attendance.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

3. Resume

Please list all pieces you have studied intensively and which you consider to be a part of your repertoire. Include any compositions you have written or recordings you have produced. Technical studies should be included. You may attach a resume, instead, if you have one.

4. Essay

The Arcata Arts Institute has openings for new students that possess talent, ability, potential, and the commitment and desire to acheive in the program. Therefore each student must prepare an essay to express to the AAI faculty why he/she should be considered for acceptance. The essay should:

- be a minimum of one page in length.
- express what you expect to attain at the Arcata Arts Institute.
- communicate your short-term and long-term goals and desires regarding performing arts.

Please attach the essay to this application.

Upon receipt of your completed application, the Arcata Arts Institute will notify you of your interview date, time, and location. You will be notified of our decision regarding your admission to the Arcata Arts Institute in approx. 3 weeks.

How did you first hear about the Arcata Arts Institute? _____

“The Arcata Arts Institute offers a unique balance of tradition and innovation, liberal arts and visual arts, technology and touch, fine art and design. The Institute community is committed to expanding boundaries and vision through rigorous study.”



5. Teacher Evaluation

To the Applicant: Fill in your name, address, and phone number, and then give this form to an individual who has taught you within the last year. Please request that the form be completed and returned to the Arcata Arts Institute soon as possible.

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

To the Evaluator: The above student has applied to the Performing Arts/Music Department of the Arcata Arts Institute. In order to assist us in evaluating the application for admission of the person named above, we would appreciate your candid responses to the following questions:

1. Please comment on the applicant's character.

2. Please comment on the applicant's work ethic.

3. We would appreciate any additional information that you think might be relevant.

(Please Print)

Evaluator's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

Subject Taught _____ Years Taught _____

Please return to:

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Arcata Arts Institute
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