

Kids Who Care Hope Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose of Hope Scholarships: To provide Kids Who Care programming for all children, regardless of socioeconomic background. Hope Scholarships were developed to assist children who have the desire to perform but who are financially unable.

Typical Family Profile

- Average annual income of \$25,000 or less.
- “Special circumstances “such as but not limited to a medical situation, loss of job or loss of spouse.

Scholarship Information

Application for a Hope Scholarship is a two-step process. First, applicants must submit documentation to verify financial status. If the Hope Scholarship Committee determines that the applicant’s family meets the financial requirements, the applicant will then be scheduled for the audition portion of the process.

Applicants and their families must provide the following **documentation** for pre-qualification:

- A completed Financial Aid application.
- Most recent tax return and two most recent pay stubs.
- Letter of Recommendation from an adult who works with child. (Teacher, musical director, etc)

The audition should be **one** of the following:

- a monologue of less than one-minute,
- a dance,
- a verse and chorus of a song.

Applicants must provide their own sound accompaniment (either a CD or a tape).

The award of the Scholarship is based primarily on financial circumstances but the committee also considers past history of Hope Scholarship usage, family commitment and standing of applicant when last participating in Kids Who Care programming.

Upon acceptance in the Hope Scholarship program:

- The family will receive written notification of the amount of the Musical Theatre Camp scholarship and the term of the award. In the event of partial scholarship, the family will also receive the balance due for the tuition.
- The family will be enrolled in the programming upon receipt of registration form, payment of the applicable scholarship fee and payment of balance due(if applicable).
- Scholarship Fees are:
 - \$100 fee per Musical Theatre Camp
 - \$100 fee per semester for Resident Company
 - \$50 fee per semester for non Resident Company classes
- If a family receives more than one scholarship from Kids Who Care for multiple performers, the subsequent Scholarship fee for each additional performer will be:

- \$50 fee per Musical Theatre Camp
- \$50 fee per semester for Resident Company
- \$25 fee per semester for non Resident Company classes
- At the time of award of Musical Theatre Class or Resident Company scholarships, the family will receive written notification of the scholarship amount, the scholarship fee and the term of the award. In the event of partial scholarship, the family will also receive the balance due for the tuition.
- The family will be informed of their financial obligation for the Resident Company Study Trip.

Other Important Information

1. Hope Scholarships are based on financial need.
2. Applicants who qualify financially must participate in an audition.
3. Kids Who Care does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by the law.
4. Full or partial financial support may be awarded.
5. Scholarships will not be awarded to applicants with outstanding balances at Kids Who Care.
6. The applicant will not be considered registered for programming until receipt of the Scholarship Fee.
7. Financial support may be funded in two segments; initial funding may cover summer Musical Theater Camp and subsequent funding may cover Musical Theatre Classes or the Resident Company training dependant upon outcome of the Resident Company audition. Award of a Hope Scholarship for Musical Theater Camp does not imply acceptance in the Resident Company.
8. Financial Applications are accepted between March 1- April 1 for summer Musical Theater Camp and between July 1 - 25 for Fall/Spring Musical Theatre Classes or Resident Company Training.
 - a. Families who have received scholarships for Musical Theater Camp do not need to re-apply for Musical Theatre Class or Resident Company Scholarships.
 - b. Families who are not awarded scholarships for Musical Theater Camp may resubmit an application only in the event of a significant financial change.
 - c. Families new to Kids Who Care following the April 1 deadline may submit applications for Scholarships during the July 15-August 15 application period.
9. Notification of award of scholarship will occur by mail. However, Hope Scholarships are considered a point of pride at Kids Who Care and with each family's permission, Kids Who Care will also announce/post the scholarship recipient's names.

Kids Who Care staff and the Hope Scholarship Committee reserve the right to withdraw the scholarship for the following reasons:

1. No payment of required fees.
2. Excessive absences from programming as determined by programming staff.
3. Unacceptable behavior as determined by the Staff.
4. Unreliable support from family (such as not providing transportation).
5. Other as determined by staff and committee

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HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This application is strictly confidential. Only Kids Who Care staff will have access to this information.

Student(s) Information:

Name : _____ Birth date: _____ Age _____

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Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Parent Information

Mother or Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Place of Employment: _____

Monthly Income of Mother: _____

Father or Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Place of Employment: _____

Monthly Income of Father : _____

Providing the following information assists us in meeting grant reporting requirements and in requesting financial assistance.

Ethnicity of applicant(s) (optional)

PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY:

African American Asian American Mexican American Hispanic/Latino

Caucasian American Indian Other _____

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. How many people in the household with the applicant? _____
2. What is the net monthly income from all sources in the household/ (take home pay after taxes and deductions) _____
3. What are the total monthly expenses for the household? (include house payment/rent, electricity, water, groceries, transportation and any required monthly payments) _____

4. What is the total indebtedness for the household? (money owed to Banks, Finance Companies, Charge accounts) _____
5. Are there any other sources of income to help offset the cost of tuition?
(Employer scholarship programs, family members, friends) ___yes ___ no
If yes, please provide name and contact information: _____
6. Is the family receiving any public assistance? ___Yes ___ No
7. Is the family receiving Food Stamps? ___Yes ___ No
8. Is the family receiving Rent Subsidy? ___Yes ___ No
9. Is the applicant receiving scholarships for education or training other than KWC?
___Yes ___ No
If yes, where and for how much? _____

10. Is applicant receiving education or training without scholarship assistance? ___yes___ no
If yes, where and at what cost? _____

I give my consent to have my child's name posted as a Hope Scholarship Recipient as needed by Kids Who Care. ___Yes ___ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this statement, parent or guardian agrees that all of this information is correct. Providing false information can result in the withdrawal of financial assistance.

A copy of your most recent Federal Tax Return and copies of two recent paycheck stubs must accompany this form. Thank you for providing this information. As we request funding from grants and individuals to support the Hope Scholarship Program, it is essential that we document the financial status of our recipients.

For office use only. Application ___ Letter ___ Tax ___ Paycheck ___

Award: Resident Company Class Total Amt \$_____ Fee \$_____ Notified ___ Posted_____