



FINE ARTS

How to Get Started with Fine Arts

You have gifted students in your youth ministry and you want to give them this opportunity to “discover and develop their ministry gifts”. Where do you start?

- Choose someone who will be the “go to” person for Fine Arts in your youth ministry. This may be you or another responsible leader who has a heart for students using their gifts.
- Give this Informational Packet to your Fine Arts Coordinator and let them proceed.
Suggestion: put together a notebook or file folder with all the papers.
- Immediately – Download the **Official Rules & Guidelines book** at www.faf.ag.org or www.nwministry.com/FineArts. The information included in the book applies to our district and national event. Read the book and be familiar with its content.
- Promote** Fine Arts among your students both individually and as a group
- In January - Have an **informational meeting** to determine students who are interested in being involved in Fine Arts this year. **Some students may need to be persuaded to get involved.** You know your gifted students. Make sure each one of them participates.
- Make **copies of the Participant Registration Form** for interested students.
Suggestion: fill in your church information prior to photocopying
- In February – Students should be **practicing**.
- End of February - **Collect** Registration Forms & Money. Review registrations to make sure they are complete.
 - It is easiest if each church mails in all registrations together and payment in one church check made out to Northwest Ministry Network.
 - Include a list of students and their payment amounts. An excel document can be found at www.nwministry.com/FineArts to help with fee calculations.
 - If a student is participating in a group, make sure the group has a specific “title”.
 - If a student is participating in the WRITING DIVISION, their writing must be included with their registration *if they want it displayed*. Otherwise all writing entries must be emailed to brittneye@northwestministry.com with the subject line of the participants name and “FA 2018 –participant name and category”. These are being adjudicated prior to the event.
 - If a student is participating in a SHORT FILM they must include their piece to be adjudicated along with their registration. These are being adjudicated prior to the event.

Registration cost:

- \$50 per person which includes one *category*. Individuals participating in more than one category must include an *additional \$10 per category*. Fee includes hot lunch, score sheets and certificate.
- **Incomplete registrations** will be considered late and will be charged a \$10 late fee.

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- Mail **all forms and money** MUST BE POSTMARKED **March 9th**.
Suggestion: have coordinator keep a list of participants and their category(ies).

Mail to: *FA – Brittney Ellithorpe
Northwest Ministry Network
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- Set up **rehearsal and performance times** for participating students to use their gift with an audience.
Suggestion: good times include but are not limited to your youth service, Sunday school, small groups, Kids church, bible clubs, etc. Give students appropriate feedback to improve their gifting prior to Fine Arts.
- Make **lodging** arrangements for the event if necessary.
- At the beginning of April – **Watch** for a confirmation letter to your email along with a schedule of the day.
- Please **inform us** in advance of any cancellations or substitutions **as soon as you can**. You can email changes to brittneye@northwestministry.com.
Please note: Cancellations will not be refunded. Substitutions must be made by March 16th and are charged a \$5 processing fee
- Bring** your participating and other interested students to Fine Arts on **Saturday, April 14th** and plan on being there for the duration of the day. The concluding Celebration Service is incredible and your students won't want to miss it.
- If you have questions feel free to visit www.northwestyouth.com or contact Brittney Ellithorpe at 425.888.4800 or brittneye@northwestministry.com.

PREPARING FOR NATIONAL FINE ARTS:

At our District Fine Arts on April 14th, each student will be adjudicated on their "performance". All students who receive a "Superior with Invitation" rating are invited to participate in the National Event taking place in Houston, Texas on July 30 - August 3, 2018.

You need to begin thinking and planning for the National Event and here's how.

- Discuss with participating Fine Arts students if they desire to go to the national event if they receive a rating of "Superior with Invitation" at our district event. Information regarding National Fine Arts can be found at www.faf.ag.org.
- Have students start saving money now for transportation, food, and lodging.
- Make lodging arrangements in Houston well in advance. Look at the National Fine Arts web site for lodging information. You can always cancel your reservations.
- Following our District Fine Arts on Saturday, April 14th we will provide all qualifying students with the necessary forms for National Fine Arts along with having a quick meeting to answer questions.
- Practice, practice, practice. Find various venues for your qualifying students to perform their gift (ie: other youth ministries, school, street evangelism...) Video tape their performances and have them critique themselves.
- The postmark deadline for National Fine Arts is May 18th, 2018.

For further information regarding National Fine Arts visit www.faf.ag.org