

## **Application Instructions**

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McCallum is a comprehensive high school within the Austin Independent School District. The McCallum Fine Arts Academy is an intensive, arts-focused academic program operating within McCallum High School. Fine Arts Academy students are required to meet all requirements of the chosen major, maintain excellent school attendance and behavior, and, at all times, maintain passing grades.

### **A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:**

**HARD COPY ONLY – no fax or email**

- 1) Application: two-page form plus **separate** handwritten essay – short answer responses should be separate from essay
- 2) Copies of Report Cards: final report card for the most recent year and a half
  - **8<sup>th</sup> graders:** all 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade six- or nine-weeks grades for every grading period starting at the beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> grade through the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fall semester
  - **9<sup>th</sup> graders:** all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade six- or nine-weeks grades for every grading period starting at the beginning of 8<sup>th</sup> grade through the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade fall semester

**SENT SEPARATELY, DIRECTLY TO FINE ARTS OFFICE**

- 3) Fine Arts Academy recommendations from the student's **current** Math teacher, English/Language Arts teacher, and Fine Arts teacher/instructor in the strand of primary interest
  - Recommending teachers should mail or email the completed Fine Arts Academy recommendation form directly to the Fine Arts Academy office
  - For AISD teachers, email or inter-office mail is recommended

**Mail or hand-deliver the completed application materials and grade reports in one envelope (no staples) to:**

McCallum Fine Arts Academy  
RE: Fall 2016 Application  
5600 Sunshine Drive  
Austin, Texas 78756

**Questions?** Contact Stephanie Phillips, Fine Arts Academy Assistant  
512.414.7533 or [stephanie.phillips@austinisd.org](mailto:stephanie.phillips@austinisd.org)

*Applications will be accepted January 5<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, because complete fall 2015 semester grades must be included.*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016**



## Audition Instructions

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**Auditions are by appointment only** and are scheduled after all of the student's application materials (completed application form, report cards and recommendations) have been received by the Academy office. The Fine Arts Academy office contacts parents about scheduling auditions.

### VISUAL ARTS

Portfolio of MINIMUM 12-15 art pieces to include:

- Examples of work from your middle school art classes, including 2D and 3D work
- A self-portrait with shading
- Drawings from observation (i.e. still-life, landscape, figure drawing, a pet)
- Artwork and creative pieces completed outside of the school setting

Audition will include an interview and an on-site drawing assignment.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (BAND AND ORCHESTRA)

- **Must** perform a prepared solo
- Bring instrument and **two** copies of audition music (percussionists, bring sticks/mallets only)
- **Band** applicants, be prepared to play all 12 Major scales

### COLLABORATIVE PIANO

Perform two prepared pieces of contrasting styles (should be on UIL Class I solo repertoire lists or of equal difficulty; all major/harmonic minor scales (minimum two octaves in parallel motion); basic I-IV-V7-I chord progressions in all keys; simple transposition of a short melody with chordal accompaniment; sight-reading. Interview covering the applicant's piano history will be included.

### CHOIR/VOCAL MUSIC

- Must perform a prepared solo (bring **two** copies of audition music) – accompanist will be provided – **recommended books** from which to choose audition music are listed on the Fine Arts Academy website
- Be prepared to sight-read and to vocalize

### DANCE

Students will participate in a group audition **and** an individual audition. Group audition includes Ballet Barre, Modern Center, and Jazz combination. For the individual portion, the student will prepare a 1-2 minute solo and complete a short interview. Wear dance attire and hair up.

### THEATRE

Performance Theatre/Acting applicants: Perform 2 memorized contrasting monologues from **published** plays (no Shakespeare). Combined time should not exceed 3 minutes. You will also do a cold reading at the audition.

Technical Theatre applicants: Interview; be prepared to answer questions on experience or interest in technical theatre and bring any applicable supporting materials (photographs, etc.). Also, be prepared to discuss the 500-word essay submitted with the application materials.

Musical Theatre: Student will choose and audition for a primary strand (Choir, Theatre, or Dance). *You may audition in up to two strands.* Those accepted will be given a list of recommended additional musical theatre coursework.

### CINEMATIC ARTS

Original digital film less than 5 minutes in length OR original 3-5 page script; 200-word essay explaining back story, concept, etc. of film or script

**MORE DETAILS on the McCallum Fine Arts Academy website: Prospective Students pages**



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### PLEASE PRINT

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Grade** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I. (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>)*

Austin ISD Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ *OR, if none, leave blank*

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Special program/magnet/GT? Please name/describe \_\_\_\_\_

What is your neighborhood/"home" high school? \_\_\_\_\_

### Fine Arts Area/Discipline of Primary Interest (Check one):

*If you want to audition in two strands, write #2 by your second choice*

- CINEMATIC ARTS** (Film)
- DANCE**
- MUSIC**
  - Classical Guitar
  - Choir/Vocal Music
  - Band
  - Orchestra
  - Collaborative Piano
- THEATRE ARTS**
  - Performance Theatre (Acting)
  - Technical Theatre
- VISUAL ARTS**



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**Respond to each of the following questions using additional page(s) when necessary:**

### **SHORT ANSWER RESPONSES (SEPARATE FROM ESSAY)**

- 1) List any other subjects/areas/activities you enjoy besides your area of primary interest in the fine arts.**
  
- 2) List prior arts training, prior performances or exhibitions in which you have participated, and experience at school and outside of school. *Examples might include: summer arts camp, participation in a community theater program; private lessons; participation in Austin Youth Orchestra; Austin Girl's Choir; Austin Lyric Opera chorus; UT String Project; Austin Chamber Music Center classes. If you are applying for Dance, list dance studios at which you have studied - listing what type of dance you studied and how many years you studied.***
  
- 3) List any area in which you have received recognition for special projects or activities in fine arts or other academics:**
  
- 4) *Optional - answer either (or both) of the following questions:***  
What is your ideal college/university/conservatory? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you imagine yourself doing as a career/profession? \_\_\_\_\_

### **ESSAY**

Attach a **handwritten essay on separate paper** of approximately **500 words** describing yourself and your personal traits and goals. Include in your essay what role being involved in a high school academy known for rigorous academics and fine arts might play in working toward your goals.

### **Please sign and date below.**

Reminders: Teacher recommendations are to be sent to the Fine Arts Academy office directly and are not to be included with the completed application form and grade reports. Please mail or hand-deliver all other application materials in one envelope to McCallum (see Application Instructions).

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information and responses included in the application are an accurate depiction of this student's work.**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you and best of luck!*