**Zayas Law Fund for Arts and Education – Application Form**

Are you a student who dreams of playing an instrument, singing, creating art, writing or acting, but you lack that one ingredient – a musical instrument, lessons or materials? If yes, a ***Zayas Award*** may be just what you need!

In December 2020, the Zayas Law Firm of Hartford and Bridgeport created the ***Zayas Law Fund for Arts and Education*** to support arts and cultural youth activities involving the visual and performing arts; painting, sculpture, music, theater, literature or innovation in the creative and cultural sectors. The fund will support youth (K – 12) attending public schools in Greater Hartford, Greater Bridgeport, Greater New Haven and beyond who may lack the resources to engage in these vital activities.

**Eligibility**

* Applicants may be a student, parent, family member, teacher or community leader. If approved, the award will be coordinated through a qualified entity
* Applicants may be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, however, 509(a)(3) charities and private foundations are not eligible
* Organizations that are not a 501(c)(3) charity may use a fiscal sponsor

**Guidelines**

* Requests must be $250 and above
* Zayas Awards are considered annually in June and awarded in July
* There is no guarantee for funding and requests may receive only partial funding
* A report by the student and/or fiscal sponsor is required within a year of funding. Photos are encouraged.

**Application Process and Timeline**

Please answer the following questions and complete the funding narrative, which should include all budget/pricing details. **Please email this completed form and a program budget to** **DonorAdvised@hfpg.org** **in a Word Document (preferred) or PDF form no later than Monday, June 14, 2021 for consideration in the 2021 cycle. You will be notified of our decision within four weeks of submission.**

1. **Applying as an individual or on behalf of one or more students**

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| Student Name(s): |       |
| School Name and City: |       |
| Grade(s): |       |
| First Name: |       |
| Last Name: |       |
| Relationship to Student(s): |       |
| Address: |       |
| Address 2: |       |
| City, State, Zip Code: |       |
| Contact Phone Number: |       |
| Contact Email: |       |

1. **Applying as an organization**

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| Organization Legal Name: |       |
| EIN\*  |       |
| Address: |       |
| Address 2: |       |
| City, State, Zip Code: |       |
| Contact Name & Title: |       |
| Contact Phone Number: |       |
| Contact Email: |       |
| Website: |       |
| Fiscal Sponsor Information and EIN: |       |

\* A Fiscal Sponsor is required if your agency is not recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization. Please visit the [IRS website](https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exemption-requirements-501c3-organizations) for more details.

1. **Request Details (Individuals and Organizations Complete the Following Sections)**

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| **Program Name (if appropriate):** |   |
| **Location:** |   |
| **Request Type:***(highlight one)* | * Musical Instrument
* Lessons
* Equipment / Materials
* Class Fees
* Other (Please Explain):
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| **Dollar Amount Requested:**  |       |
| **School (Attended by Students Served):** |       |

**Description**

Please tell us more about the student or group of students who would benefit from this request. Describe their interest area (music, art, theater, etc.) and whether this is a new activity or their studies are ongoing. Be specific in describing the purpose and dollar amount requested, such as the type and size of musical instrument needed, cost and whether it is a purchase or rental. Provide a general explanation of the financial limitations experienced by the student’s family and how a Zayas Award would help the student pursue their creative dreams.

*Please contact* *DonorAdvised@hfpg.org* *with any questions or for a status update on your request.*