



JOEL'S VISION ARTS
AND MUSIC
SCHOLARSHIP FUND



offered through the Crimson Treatment and Research Center
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OVERVIEW

BEGINNINGS:

Joel Anderson created this fund in April 2012 to broaden opportunities for individuals with different learning needs to discover and cultivate their inner talents and dreams. Joel is a San Diego-based artist, musician, and speaker who empowers those with autism and motivates all of us to 'change the world' with our own unique strengths.

Coast Music Therapy, a San Diego-based agency that had the pleasure of serving Joel as a student, has provided volunteer efforts and an initial donation to bring his vision of a scholarship fund to fruition. This fund offers individuals with special needs the opportunity to participate in music and art programs such as music therapy, expressive arts therapy, art, music lessons, drama, or dance.

The Crimson Treatment & Research Center embraced Joel's vision and is helping to make it a reality by administering the fund, including the coordination of donors, applicants, the scholarship review committee, and recipients.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DETAILS:

- May cover up to \$500 per recipient.
- Applicants may apply funds to music and/or arts programs of their choosing, so long as such programs are tailored to individuals with special needs and administered or supervised by a professional trained in therapeutic techniques or education of individuals with disabilities.
- Monies will be allocated directly to the music/art program(s); checks will not be issued to the individual applicant or family.
- CTRC will make every effort to assure the student receives the services designated in the scholarship application, but may not be affiliated with the agency providing such services and makes no representations as to the quality or suitability of any program for which a scholarship is awarded.
- Priority is given to applicants with documented financial hardship.
- Scholarships will not cover late fees. Applicants are responsible for ensuring scholarship applications are submitted with sufficient time for Board review prior to the regular registration deadlines of the programs selected.
- Although applicants who are awarded this or other CTRC scholarships may be considered for future CTRC scholarships, priority will be given to those who have not received a CTRC scholarship in the past.



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ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for Joel's Vision Arts & Music Scholarship:

- Applicants can be of any age with an identified developmental disability, learning disability, or neurological impairment. Applicant must provide one of the following:
 - Front page of a current student IFSP/IEP
 - Medical documentation specifying the individual's diagnosis
- Applicants must be current/full-time residents of San Diego County.
- Applicants should have a significant interest or motivation for music and/or the arts.
- Letters from educators or professionals describing the potential benefit of music/arts for the particular applicant will also be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Scholarships are awarded twice per year, to accommodate summer and fall programs. Applications must be received by:

- JULY 15TH to receive funding by September 1.
- APRIL 15TH to receive funding by June 1.

AWARD DETERMINATION:

Scholarship awards are determined at the discretion of the CTRC Scholarship Committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and are based on need level and application information. Any deviation of criterion or process is at the discretion of the CTRC Board of Directors and will require a majority vote.

ABOUT CRIMSON TREATMENT & RESEARCH CENTER:

The Crimson Treatment & Research Center, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the design and implementation of research-based practices to create innovative treatments and provide recreational services for individuals with developmental differences throughout the lifespan.



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Please submit the following information to CTRC via fax/email or mail (see bottom of page for contact info):

1. Completed, signed and dated Joel's Vision Arts & Music Scholarship Application form.
2. Brochure, flyer, or other format of written description of the music/arts program for which you would like to use the scholarship.
3. Front page of current IEP/IFS or medical documentation specifying the individual's diagnosis
4. (OPTIONAL) Completed letter of recommendation from a professional familiar with the student's interest in or potential benefit from music/arts programs (such as an educator, therapist or medical professional).

All applications must be received by the CTRC Office by July 15th for fall programs and April 15th for summer programs. Please note an erroneous, incomplete or untimely application may be rejected. You will be notified once the Scholarship Committee has made a decision about your application.

Student's Name:		Today's Date:	
Form Completed By (if other than student):		Role of Person Completing Form:	
Mailing Address including City and Zip:			
Phone:		Email:	

Please include a brief description of the music/arts program(s) for which you would like to obtain funding? If you are applying for more than 1 program please describe both programs in this box and include both agencies' contact information in the sections below.

PROGRAM 1			
Agency/Company Providing the Service or Program:		Agency Contact Person:	
Agency Phone:	Agency Email:		
Program Duration/Frequency:	Program Cost:		
PROGRAM 2 (IF APPLICABLE)			
Agency/Company Providing the Service or Program:		Agency Contact Person:	
Agency Phone:	Agency Email:		
Program Duration/Frequency:	Program Cost:		
Total Funding Amount Applicant is Seeking Up to \$500 (if applying for 2 programs, add up costs of both):			



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Applicant Name:	Today's Date:
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How do you feel this program will benefit the student?

Describe the specific interest/motivation the student exhibits for music and/or the arts?

Describe any financial hardship or other reasons you are seeking funding for this program:

Applicant Signature:	Date:
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LETTER FROM JOEL ANDERSON

My name is Joel Anderson, and I live in Fallbrook, California. I want to encourage you to be creative for all the talents that God has given you. I have been blessed with opportunities to grow and share my talents, and I want other children to have the chance to do the same.

I've been drawing since I was five years old and painting since I was eleven. Books and videos that show historic art masterpieces with famous artists like Leonardo Da Vinci, Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, and Michelangelo inspired me to paint and be creative. I first started my art business selling my art and cards in the year 2000. I can use my talents for many things. I am a volunteer for Autism Tree Project Foundation. In 2003, they commissioned me to do art for their fundraising events, art shows, and corporations. I also donate art to raise money for them. I give speeches to tell everyone about my journey with autism and about Autism Awareness.

My goal in life is to encourage students of all ages about how to stick up for someone in need and to be a friend to persons young and old with disabilities, and not be a bully. I do this by giving speeches to kids at schools. I read stories I have written and illustrated and I teach them how to draw if they like art. I sing to them the song I wrote "It Makes My Day Having You as a Friend" and the kids get to sing along with me, and I sing and show the video I produced to go along with "The Colors of My Mind".

Both of these songs I wrote and composed while studying at Coast Music Therapy. CMT and Vanessa helped me to find my "voice" in many different ways like singing, writing, learning to play the piano, and stage performances. I am blessed that I can now use those skills to encourage people all over the world.

My song "The Colors of My Mind" had a world premier at The 2011 International Naturally Autistic People Awards in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. It has also been published in two editions of The Art of Autism by Debbie Hosseini and Keri Bowers.

My art has won awards and been published in books. I've been on TV and the news and radio. I have had the honor of receiving two special letters from Senators from our United States Government. In 2010, I won the International Naturally Autistic People Awards for Community Achievement. In 2011, I was one of the hosts for the awards ceremony, where I also got to sing and dance, and lead an art workshop. Now in 2012, I am an International Ambassador for ANCA.

Currently, I am studying graphic design and animation in college. I am working on getting my three books published. Let me leave you with this encouragement, "Be the best you can be..." If you like art, try drawing on paper or on the computer; try painting with acrylic, gouache or watercolor; or sculpt with clay. If you like music, sing or try an instrument. If you like animation and filmmaking, you can try to animate, do stop-motion, or make movies with your cameras. You can also write poems if you like poetry or tell a story. Just try and don't ever give up!

You can change the world.

Sincerely,
Joel Anderson
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