



# MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CHOIR SAN DIEGO

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

## *2018 Visual & Performing Arts Educational Grants* *Instruction Sheet*

Dear Applicant:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego (MLKCCSD) is pleased to announce its twentieth annual educational grant awards. If you are a graduating senior with a GPA of 2.75 or better, if you live in San Diego County and are a U. S. citizen, if you are passionate about and committed to your chosen field in the creative arts, and if you intend to major in this field at an accredited institution of higher learning, **we urge you to apply for one of our grants!**

To apply, fill out the attached Personal Information Sheet. Add to that the items listed below. Then mail everything to us. And make sure your school mails us your transcript and GPA. **MOST IMPORTANT, MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS POSTMARKED BY March 5, 2018**. Our mailing address is:

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego**  
**Educational Grants Committee**  
**P.O. Box 5445, San Diego, CA 92165**

You need to submit the following items to us: *(Please check off each item as you assemble your application)*

- Personal Information Sheet** *(Remember, you and your parent/guardian must sign)*
- Personal Essay** *(See instructions on Personal Information Sheet)*
- Two Reference Letters** *(At least one from school/staff. Family members cannot serve as references.)*

You need to submit the following form to your school:

- Authorization to Release Information** *(You and your parent must complete and sign the top portion first.)*

Your school needs to send the following items to us:

- Transcript**
- Authorization to Release Information** *(Your school must finish completing the form and it must be signed by a school clerk or official.)*

**Any Questions?** Call Shelly Parker at 619-447-2823 or email [parker.shelly@gmail.com](mailto:parker.shelly@gmail.com).

**Finalists:** Each finalist will participate in a personal interview on April 7<sup>th</sup> or April 14<sup>th</sup>, so please plan accordingly.\* Each finalist will be required to present either a mini-showing of his/her work or a performance. Grant recipients will be required to participate in a formal awards ceremony on **June 10, 2018**. Participants may be videotaped, with parent/guardian written permission, first during the personal interview and presentation and/or later during the awards ceremony. \*Please be advised that the above interview dates have been pre-arranged, but could be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

**MLKCCSD PURPOSE:** We are a nonprofit charitable organization. The MLKCCSD established the Visual & Performing Arts Educational Grants to support graduating high school seniors who will be majoring (at an accredited college, university or conservatory) in the areas of visual and performing arts. These grants are available to all San Diego County high school seniors, who are U. S. citizens, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or sex. Our educational grants have been designed to assist students of exceptional talent, especially those who demonstrate a financial need. **Each educational grant typically ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,500.** Multiple grants are awarded each year. Visit our website at: [www.mlkccsd.org](http://www.mlkccsd.org) for additional applications and/or information.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Members Living at Home: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

(Fill in number of adults and number of children, including yourself.)

Are you a United States citizen? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**This is an arts grant.** PLEASE DO NOT APPLY UNLESS YOU WILL BE CHOOSING THE ARTS AS YOUR MAJOR. Majoring—in college or a conservatory—in any of the areas below could qualify you for one of our grants. Please circle your area of study below:

- \* Music \* Visual Arts \* Performing Arts \* Multimedia \* Literary Arts \* Digital Arts
- \* Other Art? (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**What will your major/minor be in college?**

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about your jobs, volunteering, community activities, hobbies and awards:**

(If necessary, you may attach a separate sheet) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list two references:** (At least one reference must come from your school. Family members may not be used as references.)

Teacher or School Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Community or School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a personal essay:** Tell us about yourself and your aspirations for the future. (This essay is required and should be at least 500 typewritten words.) If you'd like, you may attach a resume or a list of your accomplishments.

*I declare that all the information I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Applications must be postmarked by: March 5, 2018**



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**Authorization to Release Information**

**This information is to be completed by student:** (Please print)

I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to release the  
(Please print name of high school)  
information requested below to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name of student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

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

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**This information is to be completed and mailed to MLKCCSD by school:**

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Transcript: (please attach)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

**Please Submit Information to:**  
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**Educational Grants Committee**  
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