

Summer Art Camp at the Homer Watson House & Gallery is supported by The Waterloo Region Record – Lyle S. Hallman Foundation Kids to Camp Fund held at Waterloo Region Community Foundation. This fund will cover 100% of summer camp fees for the selected applicants.

About the Fund:

The Waterloo Region Record - Lyle S. Hallman Foundation Kids to Camp Fund provides grants to camps enabling children and youth who reside in Waterloo Region (Cambridge, Kitchener, North Dumfries, Waterloo, Wellesley, Wilmot, or Woolwich) and need financial assistance to attend camp.

- Since 2014, over \$1.5 million has been distributed to support kids in having a camp experience.
- Prior to beginning your child(ren)'s registration please read the guidelines below to ensure you meet the specific criteria.
- Note: All questions must be answered in full in order for your application to be processed.
- This application will remain confidential, and the information will only be used to determine eligibility for subsidy funds.

Eligibility

Families who live in Waterloo Region, who have children that meet the following criteria may be eligible:

- Proof of low-income family status is required.

Acceptable documentation includes one of the following with their application:

1. The most recent available NOA(s) from each caregiver/guardian/parent living in the same household and/or providing financial support to the child(ren) to us.
2. Proof of current eligibility for program subsidies for childcare or children's programming at the regional or municipal level.
3. Letter of support from a recognized social agency.

If none of the above is available, we will also, depending on circumstances, accept a letter from the family outlining why financial support is needed.

How to Apply

Submit your application and supporting documents to Homer Watson House & Gallery by May 31, 2024 11:59pm EST.

Mail to:

Education & Public Programs Coordinator
Homer Watson House & Gallery
1754 Old Mill Road, Kitchener, ON N2P 1H7

2025 Summer Art Camp Scholarship Application

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone# (_____) _____ Email: _____

Number of adults living in household: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Status: Employed Self-Employed Unemployed Full-time Student Other: _____

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Number of children living in household: _____

Name of child attending Camp (First & Last):	Age:	Preferred Camp Session (i.e. Summer Camp Week 1 Ages 7-11)

How will your child(ren) benefit from attending HWHG Summer Art Camp?

Please provide details on your financial situation (i.e. how this subsidy will be helpful /or any unusual circumstances that will help us assess your requirement for financial assistance):

*** IMPORTANT *:** Include a copy of the most recent Notice of Assessment (as issued by the Canada Revenue Agency) showing Total Income for the year for each parent/guardian living in the same household as the child.

For grant reporting purposes, please select all that apply (Optional):

- The child/participant self-identifies as Indigenous
- The child/participant is part of a racialized population
- The child/participant is a newcomer youth (refugee and/or immigrant youth)

Letters of Support (Optional)

Letters of Support must be from non-relatives only. The letter of support may come from any of the following individuals: teachers, principal, school guidance counsellor, extra-curricular activity coach (sports or otherwise), religious leader, doctor, social worker, community worker, or any other person with close contact to your child. Each letter should state how the person knows your child, include contact information and signature of the person providing the reference and answering the following questions.

- What makes this child/family a deserving candidate for a subsidized space?
- How do you think this child will benefit from a summer camp experience?

Thank you, Letter (Optional)

Summer Art Camp Scholarships are supported by the Waterloo Region Record – Lyle S. Hallman Foundation. Do you give permission for the Homer Watson House & Gallery to take photos of your child or children participating in camp activities and of their artwork to include in a thank you letter? yes no

Families are asked to write a letter, within 2 weeks after your child(ren)'s camp, thanking donors and answering the following questions:

- How did your child(ren) benefit from attending camp at HWHG?
- What would you like to say to donors who helped make it possible for your child(ren) to attend camp?
- What did your child like best about camp? What have they learned? What new skills did they acquire?

These thank you letters are important to show appreciation to donors for their contributions and will help us promote our fund-raising efforts to raise more subsidy monies (names will be excluded for privacy). Thank you letters and camper photos will be shared with The Waterloo Region Record – Lyle S. Hallman Foundation at the end of the summer.

Policies:

- Our resources may limit our ability to help support all qualified applications received, or to be able to grant the full dollar amount or the total number of weeks requested.
- Qualified families are awarded a maximum of \$275 per child, per week.
- Camp subsidy covers extended before & aftercare for campers if applicable.
- Summer camp subsidy cannot be combined with any other discounts.
- Assistance is based on a number of criteria including, but not limited to, demonstration of family need, space availability in specific sessions, and availability of subsidy funds.
- Subsidy applications are only valid in the year of attendance and families must complete a new application each year with updated financial information.
- HWHG will notify the families by Friday June 7, 2024, 12:00 noon EST of the final status of all applications.
- Enrollment for requested camp weeks is subject to current availability and based on our current camp capacities.
- We are not able to provide retroactive discounts for those already registered.

I certify that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I have provided all the appropriate paperwork to verify the information. I understand that this application is not considered a guarantee of financial assistance, and that incorrect or incomplete information can result in delay or disqualification of this application. I agree to inform Homer Watson House & Gallery of any changes in my financial status.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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