**Artist Support Fund Application**

**The National Society of Arts and Letters, Saint Louis Chapter**

Funds from the Saint Louis Chapter Artist Support Fund are available to young artists between the ages of 18 and 30. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and commitment to the applicant’s field of endeavor, including art, drama, dance, literature, music or musical theater. The maximum grant for one year is $1,000, and individuals may reapply for a second grant, but may not receive more than a total of $2,000. Grants are not to be used for college/university tuition.

The National Society of Arts and Letters Saint Louis Chapter will evaluate all applications, and grants will be given based on artistic merit and financial need. The Saint Louis Chapter reserves the right to determine the amount of the grant, and to give or deny the request for financial assistance. All inquiries and applications will be acknowledged within 10 days.

Please complete the application below, save it, and submit it as an email attachment with all required supplemental materials (see below). Send the email to: **sandibrook@aol.com**

*This document will expand as you write the answers below.*

Date of Application (month/day/year):

Applicant’s Name:

Street Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Telephone with Area Code:

Email Address:

Complete title of class(es), workshop or summer program for which you are requesting the grant:

Complete mailing address of the program (street address, city, state, zip code):

Brief description of the program:

Proposed dates of study:

Amount of funding requested and justification for the request:

**This application must be accompanied by the following materials.**

1. Proof of age (scanned copy of birth certificate or passport), attached as a pdf file.

2. A résumé (including educational background, previous training in the artistic discipline, performances, exhibitions, or publications of your work, awards received, and career plans), attached as a pdf file.

3. **Two** letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your artistic ability, submitted with the application and attached as pdf files.

4. An example of your artistic performance, submitted in the formats specified below.

 For **dance, drama, music or musical theater,** a YouTube video of your performance, of less than 3 minutes. Provide a YouTube link here:

 For **art**, a portfolio of 6 works, attached to the email as jpeg files. (Each file must not exceed a size of 1 MB.)

 For **literature**, a writing sample of 400 words, attached to the email as a pdf file.