How to get into A Top Art School

July 19-23, 2009

Each summer Alfred University welcomes high school students from all over the country to participate in exciting summer programs. Our beautiful park-like campus is located in a peaceful setting near the Finger Lakes region of New York State. Our summer programs offer an opportunity for you to sample life on a college campus, to learn more about the subject that most appeals to you, and to meet other students with similar interests and talents.

The Program

This summer institute is a 5-day intensive course in establishing preparation for applying to art school. Topics will include building a strong portfolio and careers in the arts. The schedule will include portfolio reviews, drawing sessions, a trip to a professional artist’s studio and presentation on different artists’ career paths, such as studio artists, museum/gallery work and graphic arts/web design. Students are required to bring their portfolios to campus with them for review.

Who Can Attend?

This program is for students entering their junior or senior year of high school who wish to continue their education at a top art school.

Art at AU

Artists who come here find a supportive and growing community dedicated to the teaching, creation, research, exhibition and communication of fine art and design. The beauty of our area – rural Western New York – is inspiring. Alfred University’s School of Art and Design is internationally known and has a long illustrious history of creative excellence. Our art students are part of a thriving community of artists who work in some of the best art making facilities in the world.

Tentative Schedule

- Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, and is followed by orientation, dinner, and welcome activities.
- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning activities include: breakfast, overview of the day, and artist’s biography. After lunch each day there will be a different afternoon art-related experience. Evening events include dinner, activities with our staff, and one evening of open studio.
- Thursday is the wrap-up day, with breakfast, then a full morning drawing session, lunch and checkout at 1:00 p.m.

A complete schedule will be sent to all students upon acceptance.

Activities

When not in classes, students enjoy planned recreational activities as well as free time for relaxation. Planned activities may include indoor and outdoor games, movies, a visit to nearby Foster Lake for a picnic or campfire and swimming, social gatherings at the Terra Cotta Coffee House and a farewell party on the last night. Living, dining and learning together, students have ample opportunity to get to know each other and develop lasting friendships.

Tuition, Room & Board

Students arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave after lunch on Thursday. The cost is $725* (includes a $100 non-refundable deposit). This covers tuition, supervision, program materials, recreational activities, room and board from dinner on the first day through lunch on the last day. Students stay in residence halls (2 per room) and must provide their own pillows and bed/bath linens (bed linens must fit the extra-long twin residence hall beds). Meals are served in the campus dining hall.

Alfred University admissions interviews and campus tours will be available, by appointment, Thursday afternoon.

*There will be a $25 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.

www.alfred.edu/summer/camps/art.cfm

Application Procedure

Students who wish to participate must return:
1. The attached application form (or the application form from our website)
2. An up-to-date transcript or recent report card
3. Two letters of recommendation from H.S. teachers (at least one should be an art teacher)
4. A one-page essay telling us why you want to attend the institute
5. The $100 deposit (non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program). Full payment of the balance ($625), for accepted students, is due by May 29. Sorry, no financial aid or scholarships are available.

While we don’t require a portfolio to be submitted with the application, we do require all participants to bring their portfolios to the institute to be reviewed.

We will begin accepting applications January 5, 2009. All application materials must be sent in one packet and must be received in our office no later than April 15, 2009 (later applications may be considered only if space is available). Incomplete or illegible applications cannot be accepted.

Institute Application

Type or print in ink only. Fill in all sections. This form may be copied for additional students. Deadline: April 15, 2009

Student’s name:
Gender: ☐ female  ☐ male
Prefered name (if different from above):
Parents’ name:
Parent’s address:
Home phone:
Parent’s phone:
E-mail address:
School:
Grade:
Student’s birth date mm/dd/yy:
Age:
Please check one of the following:
☐ My check is enclosed. (Make check payable to Alfred University.)
☐ Please charge to my credit card
☐ VISA  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ AMEX  ☐ Discover
Card Number:
Cardholder Name:
Cardholder Address (if different from above):  
Expiration date:  
Amount:

*If you fax the application form and materials, please call us at 607-871-2454 to make sure we receive them and that all is readable.
The Institute Admissions Committee will evaluate all applications and determine which students will be accepted. Acceptance and non-acceptance letters will be mailed by April 30. (If you require an earlier decision, please indicate the date by which you need to be notified when you apply.)

Accepted students will receive, along with the acceptance letter, additional materials including medical forms, liability releases, emergency notification forms, etc. These materials must be filled out as soon as possible and must be back in our hands by May 29, or the student will not be permitted to attend. Updated immunization information (including dates) is also required at that time. If you do not have updated immunization information on hand, you may want to acquire this from your physician now to avoid processing delays.

STUDENT CANCELLATIONS: Refunds, less the $100 non-refundable deposit, will be made for cancellations received by June 15. A 50% refund will be made for those received from June 16-July 2. After July 2 no refunds will be made for any reason.

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