

Commack Middle School

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Dear Parents,

This year the **Commack PTA Council Arts-in-Education Committee** will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a Middle School student. This scholarship will be awarded to one sixth, seventh or eighth grade student who would like to *explore or enhance* their interest in the arts. The scholarship will assist the selected student in attending the **Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts Summer Camp**, a seven-week program that will run this summer from July 1st to August 16th. This year Usdan will match the funds donated by the Commack PTA Council Arts-in-Education Committee in the following departments: **Art, Chess, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Nature, Recreational Arts and Theater.**

If your son or daughter is interested in attending the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts Summer Camp in 2019 and has not been a prior recipient of this scholarship, please have him/her fill out the scholarship application which can be found in the guidance office as well as on the school website under Backpack News. The completed application must be returned to Ms. Denise Pihlkar in the guidance office by **Wednesday, February 27, 2019**. A workshop will be offered to help your child follow the process for completing the application on **Wednesday, February 6th**, in the guidance office from 2:50 to 3:30 pm.

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship opportunity or if you would like more information about the Usdan Center in Wheatley Heights, please go to their website at www.usdan.com or contact me by phone (858-3562) or email (dpihlkar@commack.k12.ny.us). Thank you.

Sincerely,

Denise Pihlkar
Program Coordinator

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR ARTS IN EDUCATION

**USDAN CENTER
FOR THE CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS**

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

EMAIL _____

The **Commack PTA Council Arts-in-Education Committee** will award one \$1000 Cultural Arts Scholarship to a Middle School student who would like to enhance their interest in the arts. Usdan will match the funds donated by the Commack PTA Council Arts-in-Education Committee in their seven-week summer camp program that will run from July 1st to August 16th in the following departments: **Art, Chess, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Nature, Recreational Arts and Theater.**

Your application should include the following:

| | YES | NO |
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| This application cover, signed by you and your parent | | |
| One letter of recommendation from any CMS teacher | | |
| One letter of recommendation from an outside person who knows of your interest, such as a scout leader, religious leader, art/music/dance instructor, etc. | | |
| List of activities/hobbies | | |
| Copy of your most recent report card | | |
| One-page essay on why you are interested in attending Usdan | | |

Applicant's signature _____

TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I have read the foregoing statements and to the best of my knowledge they are true and correct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

NOTE: All applications must be complete in order to receive full consideration. Applications must be submitted to Denise Pihlkar in the guidance office by **Wednesday, February 27, 2019.**