

Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts

Other Summer Arts Opportunities

(Updated: February 2026)

- **GSA puts together this list as a courtesy.** We make every effort to make sure the below information is correct, but tuition prices and registration deadlines are subject to change, so please confirm summer program details directly with each organization.
- For additional arts opportunities in your surrounding area, please contact local resources, such as your high school teachers or public library.

School/Organization	Discipline(s)	Grade Eligibility	Location	Cost
Asbury University's ImpactU	CW, F+P	Grades 9-12	Wilmore, KY	\$495
Butler University's Creative Writing Camp	CW	Grades 9-12	Indianapolis, IN	\$325 for one session, \$600 for two sessions
Derby Dinner Playhouse Performing Arts Academy	DR, MT	Grades 9-12	Clarksville, IN	\$185
Eastern Kentucky University's Foster Music Camp	IM, VM	Grades 9-12	Richmond, KY	Varies
Indiana University's Jacobs Academy	DA, IM, VM	Grades 9-12	Bloomington, IN	Varies
Interlochen Center for the Arts	A+D, CW, DA, DR, F+P, GD, IM, MT, VA, VM	Grades 9-12	Interlochen, MI	Varies
Iowa Young Writers' Studio	CW	Grades 10-12	Iowa City, IA <u>or</u> Virtual	\$2,500 (in-person) <u>or</u> \$575 (virtual)
Pre-College @ UMass Amherst	A+D, CW, VA	Grades 10-12	Amherst, MA <u>or</u> Virtual	Varies
Kentucky Ballet Theatre	DA	Grades 9-12	Lexington, KY	Varies
Kentucky Shakespeare's Camp Shakespeare	DR	Grades 9-12	Louisville, KY	Varies
Kenyon Review's Young Writers Summer Residential/Online Workshop	CW	Grades 10-12	Gambier, OH <u>or</u> Virtual	\$2,575 (in-person) <u>or</u> \$995 (virtual)
Laurie Bleecker Blayney's Art Studio	VA	Grades 9-12	Louisville, KY	Varies
Louisville Ballet School Summer Intensive	DA	Grades 9-12	Louisville, KY	Varies
Louisville Visual Art Association	VA	Grades 9-12	Louisville, KY	Varies
Northern Kentucky's Commonwealth Artists Student Theatre	DR, MT	Grades 9-12	Newport, KY	\$100-\$150

Northwestern University's National High School Institute	CW, DR, F+P, MT	Grades 10-11	Evanston, IL	Varies
Oberlin Conservatory of Music	IM, VM	Grades 9-12	Oberlin, OH	Varies
Pennyroyal Arts Council's smARTS Camps	DR, VA	Grades 9-12	Hopkinsville, KY	Varies
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	A+D, GD, VA	Grades 10-12	Chicago, IL <u>or</u> Virtual	Varies
Sotheby's Institute of Art's Summer Institute	A+D, GD, VA	Grades 10-12	New York City, NY	\$7,695
Stage One Academy	DR, MT	Grades 9-12	Louisville, KY	Varies
Syracuse University's Pre-College Programs	A+D, CW, F+P, GD, MT, VA	Grades 9-12	Syracuse, NY <u>or</u> Virtual	Varies
The New School's Youth and Pre-College Programs	A+D, F+P, IM, VA	Grades 9-12	New York City, NY <u>or</u> Virtual	Varies
University of Louisville's Suzuki Summer String Institute	IM	Grades 9-12	Louisville, KY	Varies
University of Michigan's ArcStart	A+D	Grades 9-12	Ann Arbor, MI	\$6,250
University of Notre Dame's Summer Scholars Program	A+D, F+P	Grades 10-11	Notre Dame, IN	\$5,200
Washington University in St. Louis' Architecture Discovery/Portfolio Plus Program	A+D, VA	Grades 10-11	St. Louis, MO	Varies
YoungArts	A+D, CW, DA, DR, F+P, GD, IM, MT, VA, VM	Grades 10-12	Virtual	Varies

The following programs have offered opportunities in the past (including last year) but have yet to post all or some information regarding their 2026 programming. Details regarding these should be confirmed directly with each organization.

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Appalachian Young Writers Workshop	CW	Grades 9-12	Johnson City, TN <u>or</u> Virtual	\$300
Lexington Children's Theatre	DR, MT	Grades 9-12	Lexington, KY	Varies
Morehead State University's Summer Arts Academy	CW, DR, IM, VM	Grades 9-12	Morehead, KY	TBA
Murray State University's Summer Youth Programs	CW, GD, IM, VA, VM	Grades 9-12	Murray, KY	TBA
RiverPark Center's Theatre Arts Academy	DR, MT	Grades 9-12	Owensboro, KY	TBA

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A+D	Architecture + Design
CW	Creative Writing
DA	Dance
DR	Drama
F+P	Film + Photography
GD	Graphic Design
IM	Instrumental Music
MT	Musical Theatre
VA	Visual Art
VM	Vocal Music

The following organizations usually release summer program opportunity directories in mid to early May. We've also listed additional databases to help you with your arts summer program search.

Organization Name
The Kentucky Arts Council
Kentucky Association for Gifted Education
The Lexington Herald
Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center
Louisville Summer Camps
Leo Weekly
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Fund for the Arts
University of Louisville