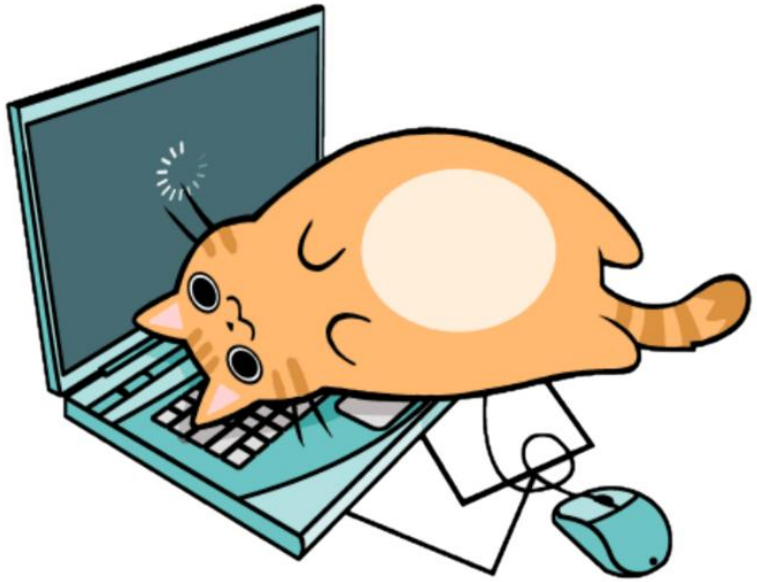
Byng Arts

How to Apply



Do your research

- Attend the info night
- Check out the website
- Pick up an application envelope (you need the unique number on the outside of the envelope to apply)

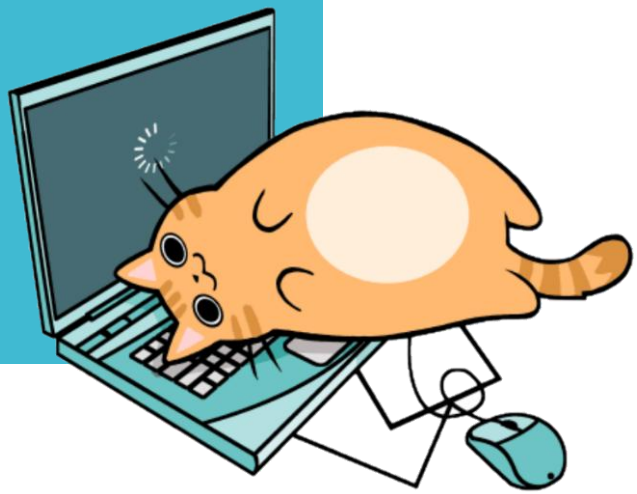
District and Program Registration

- Step 1: Grade 7 students register on the VSB District Site

Online Registration for District

begins November 16, 2026

www.vsb.bc.ca



District and Program Registration

- Step 2: Students register with each Mini-School that they wish to be considered for.

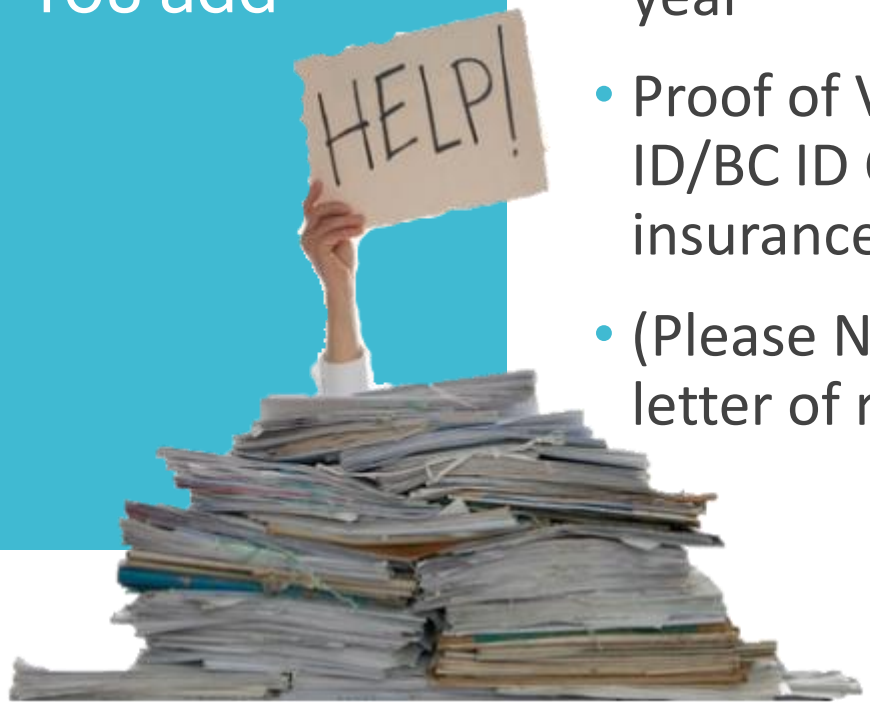
Byng Arts

http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/

Paper Application

- Envelope contains:
  - Statement of Qualification (personal essay), description of process and timeline.
  - KEEP the Blue form and write down your application number.

You add



- contact info
- a written response describing why you wish to come to our program
- a recent photograph
- Copies of your final report card from last year and one from the current school year
- Proof of Vancouver Residency (Driver ID/BC ID Card, Property Tax, Car insurance)
- (Please Note: We are NOT asking for a letter of reference)

On-Line Application Process



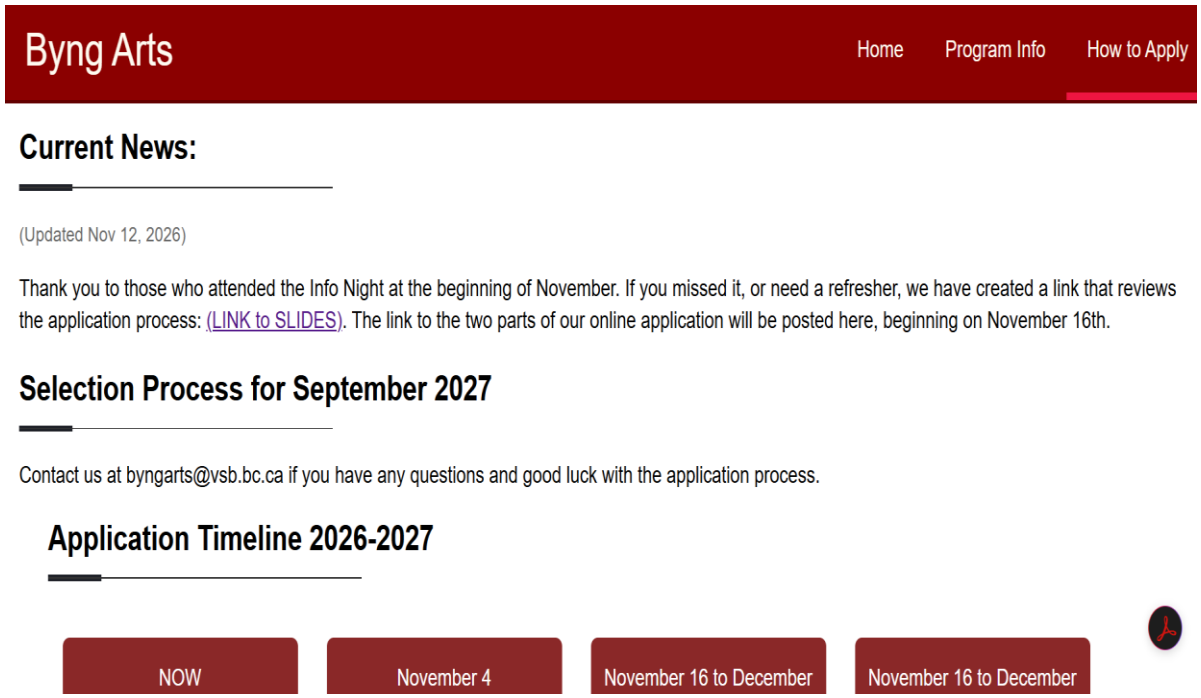


On-Line

Beginning November 16th

Access the on-line forms through the Byng Arts website.

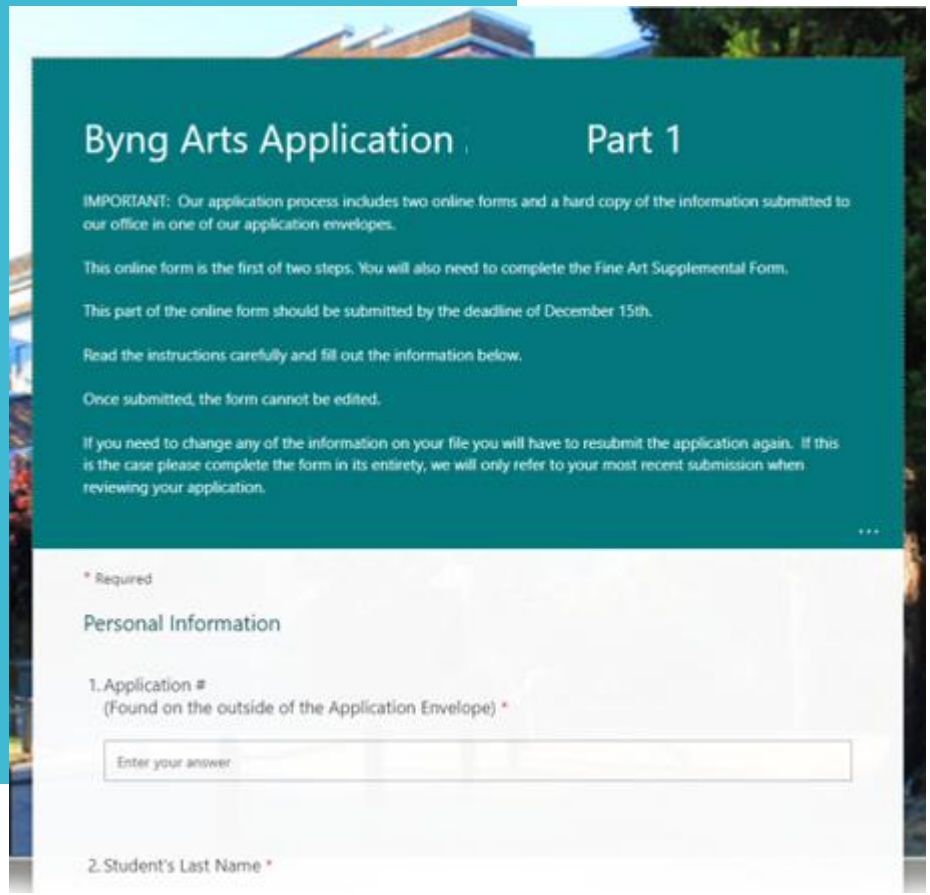
There are two sections:



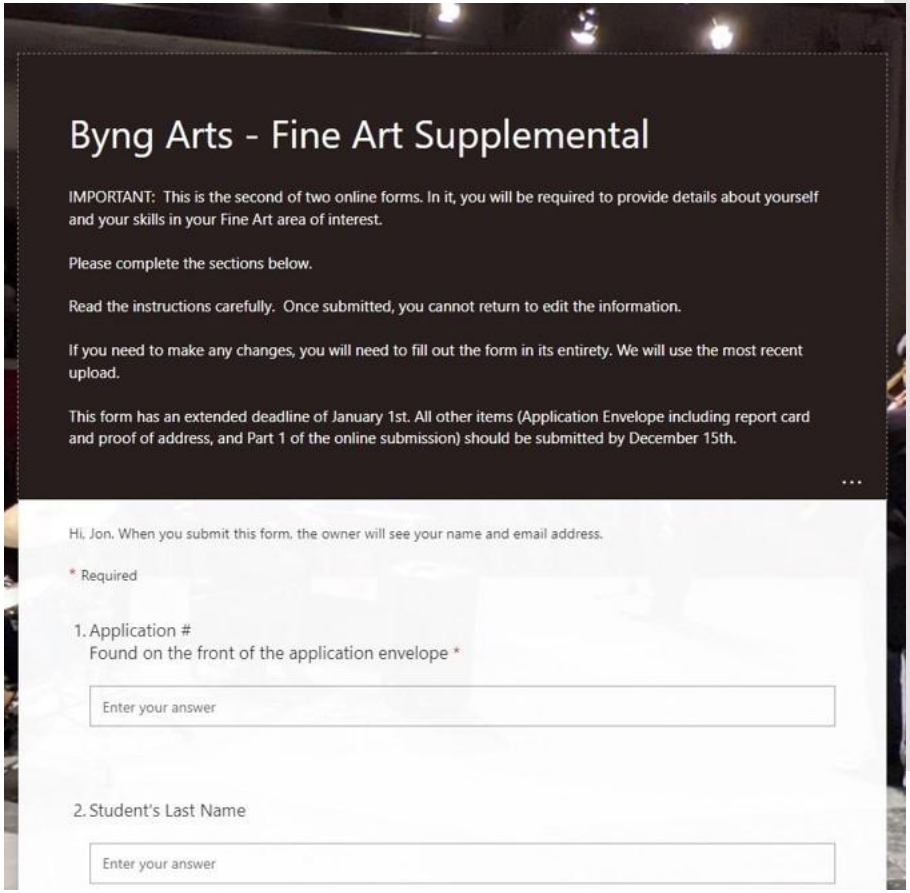
Link: https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/HowToApply/BAHowToApply.html

Two Parts

Part 1: all about you



Part 2: the art that you do



For the online form you will need to create a video of you on camera or produce specific pieces in response to our prompts.



Don't Panic

Just take it one step at a time.

The deadline for the application envelope and Part 1 of the online submission is December 17th.

Once you have completed this initial information (name, contact info, and essay), we'll know you are out there and interested.

You have additional time to complete the art supplemental (January 1st)

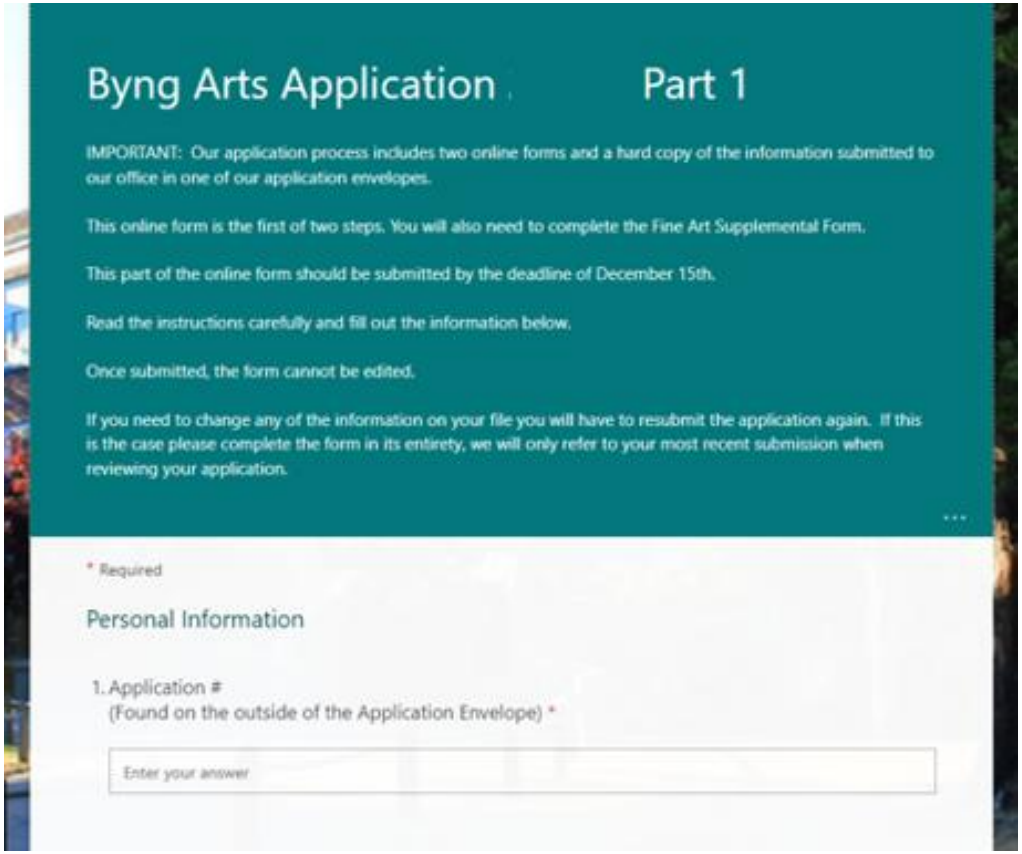


On-Line

Start with Part 1.

Take your time and enter your information carefully.

If you leave out a required field it will be highlighted and must be corrected before your form will be accepted.

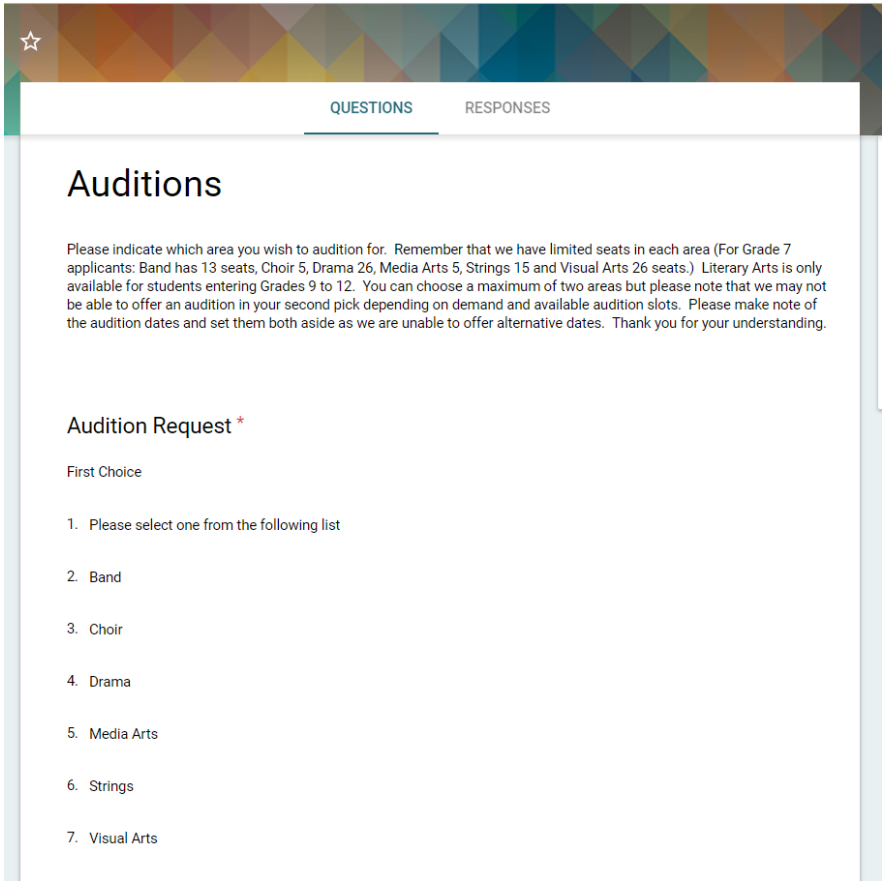


You will be asked to choose a Fine Art Focus area
(ex. Band or Art)



You have a maximum of two areas that you can audition in.

Please only select the focus area that you wish to audition for.



QUESTIONS RESPONSES

Auditions

Please indicate which area you wish to audition for. Remember that we have limited seats in each area (For Grade 7 applicants: Band has 13 seats, Choir 5, Drama 26, Media Arts 5, Strings 15 and Visual Arts 26 seats.) Literary Arts is only available for students entering Grades 9 to 12. You can choose a maximum of two areas but please note that we may not be able to offer an audition in your second pick depending on demand and available audition slots. Please make note of the audition dates and set them both aside as we are unable to offer alternative dates. Thank you for your understanding.

Audition Request *

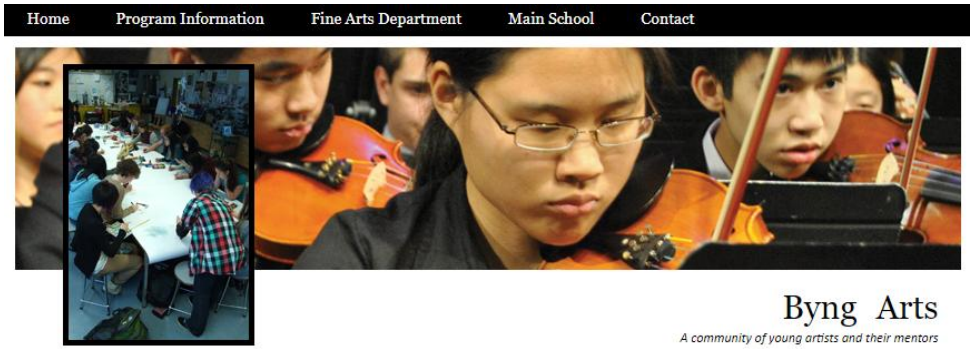
First Choice

1. Please select one from the following list
2. Band
3. Choir
4. Drama
5. Media Arts
6. Strings
7. Visual Arts

Part 2: The Fine Art Supplemental

For each Fine Art area, you will be asked to submit additional items in The Fine Art Supplement, the second part of your submission.

Here is what to expect for each are…



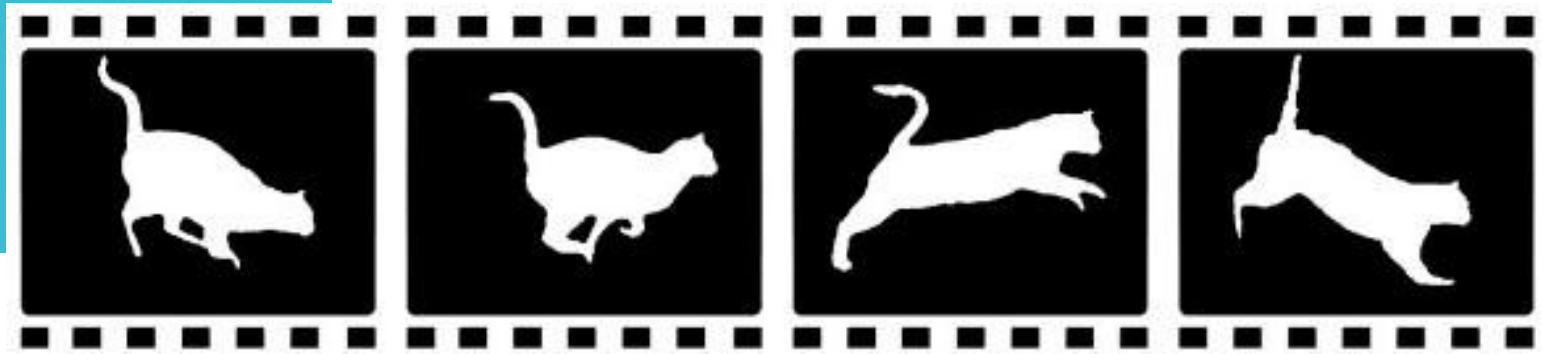
Drama



- Submit a video of you talking on camera
- Give us a sense of YOU and your desire to be a part of this program.
- Please do not add any special effects, props or costumes. We want to focus on the real you for this portion of the process.

Media Arts

- Submit two videos
- The first video features your film(s)
- It can be any genre: drama, comedy, music video, stop-motion animation, etc.
- The second video should feature you, talking directly to the camera about the film(s) that you have submitted.



Music
(Band, Strings, Choir)

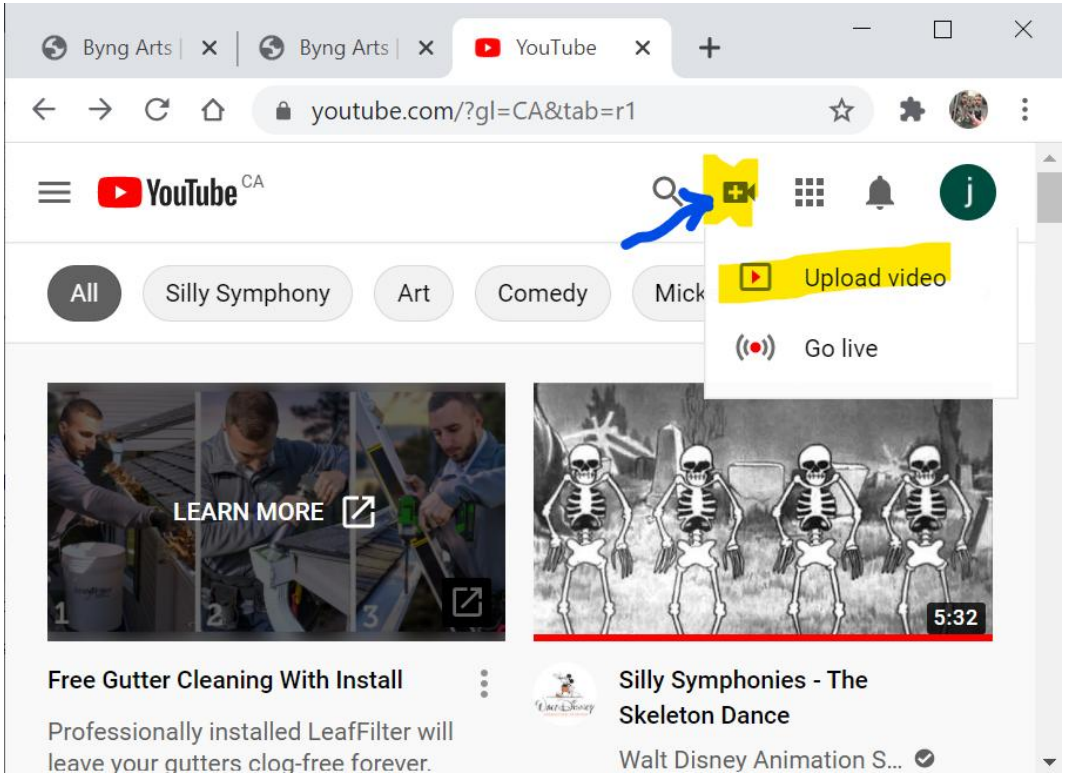


- Submit a video of 1-2 minutes in length of you playing (Band, Strings)
- Review the website for specific guidelines and suggestions of what to include.
- We would also like you to speak on camera and give a brief statement of why you want to join the music program.



Video Tips

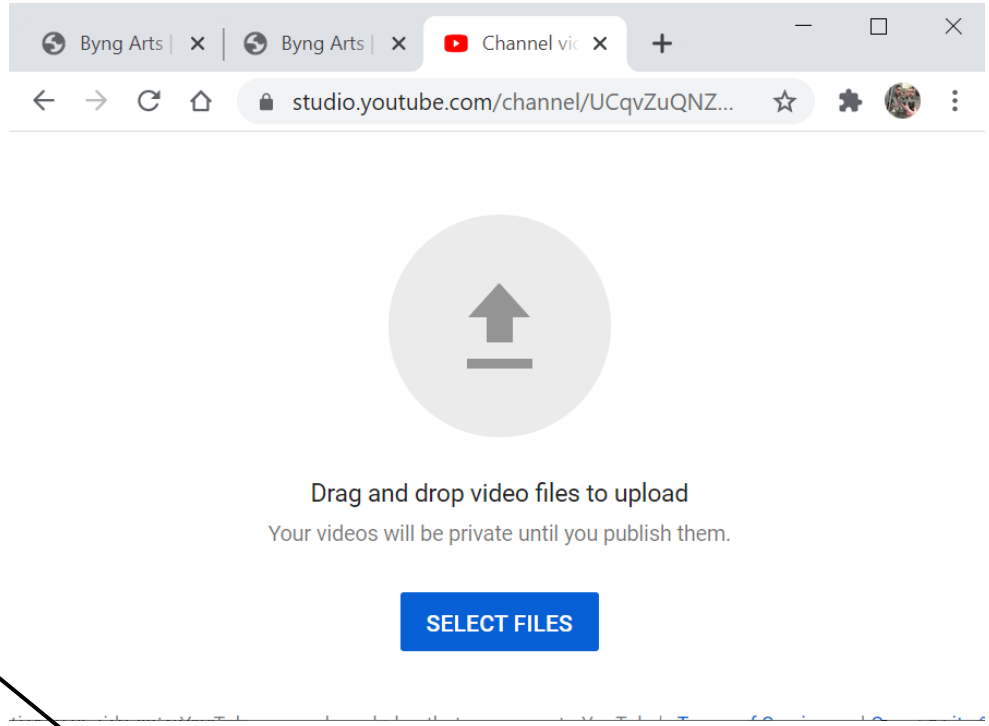
Upload your videos to a third-party site like YouTube

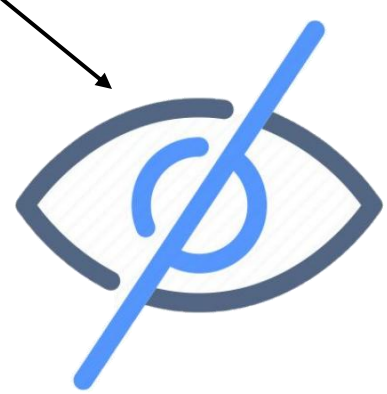


Video Tips

Save your film as "Unlisted" rather than public (but don't choose ~~Private~~ because we won't be able to see it)

Provide the URL link to the video (copy the link) in the correct section of the application form





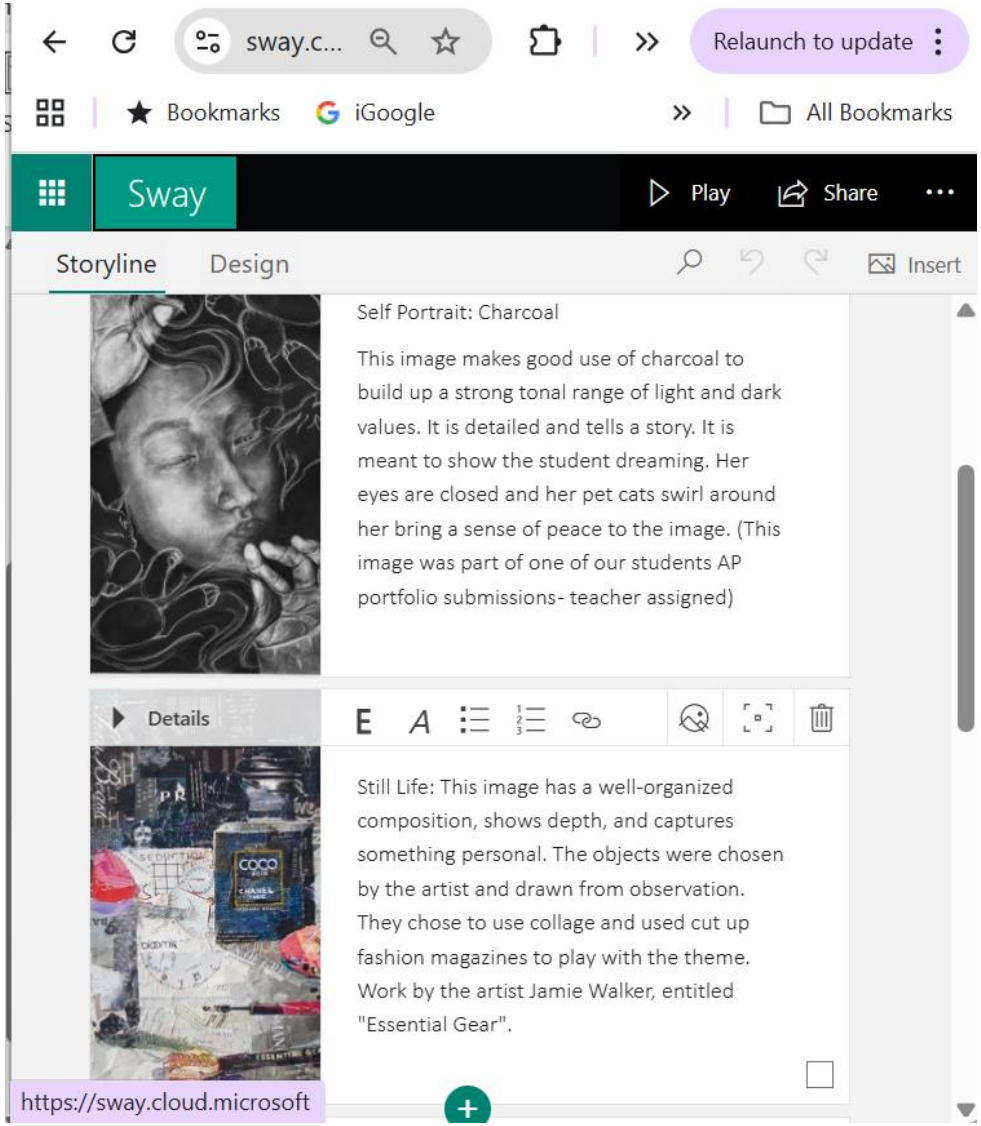
~~PUBLIC~~
UNLISTED
~~PRIVATE~~

Visual Arts



- Submit four (4) original art pieces responding to the following prompts:
  - Self Portrait in black and white
  - Still Life
  - Create an image of a place that is important to you
  - An image of your choice.
- Show us who you are as an artist and as a person.

Use Microsoft Sway to submit your work.



Literary Arts (Grade 11/12)

- Submit five (5) pieces of writing including at least one analytical and one creative work (A maximum of two may be school assignments)
- This is placed in the application envelope and not uploaded.



On-Line Application

Online Application for Byng Arts

November 16th to December 17, 2026

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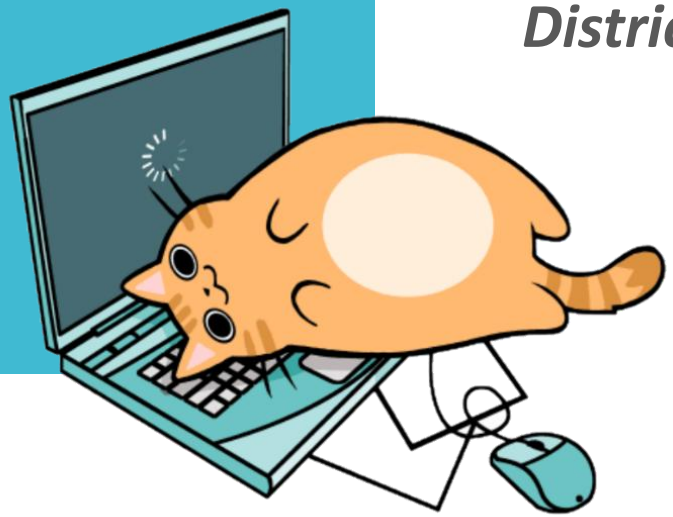
December 17th is the deadline for the District registration and all mini-school programs



On-Line Application

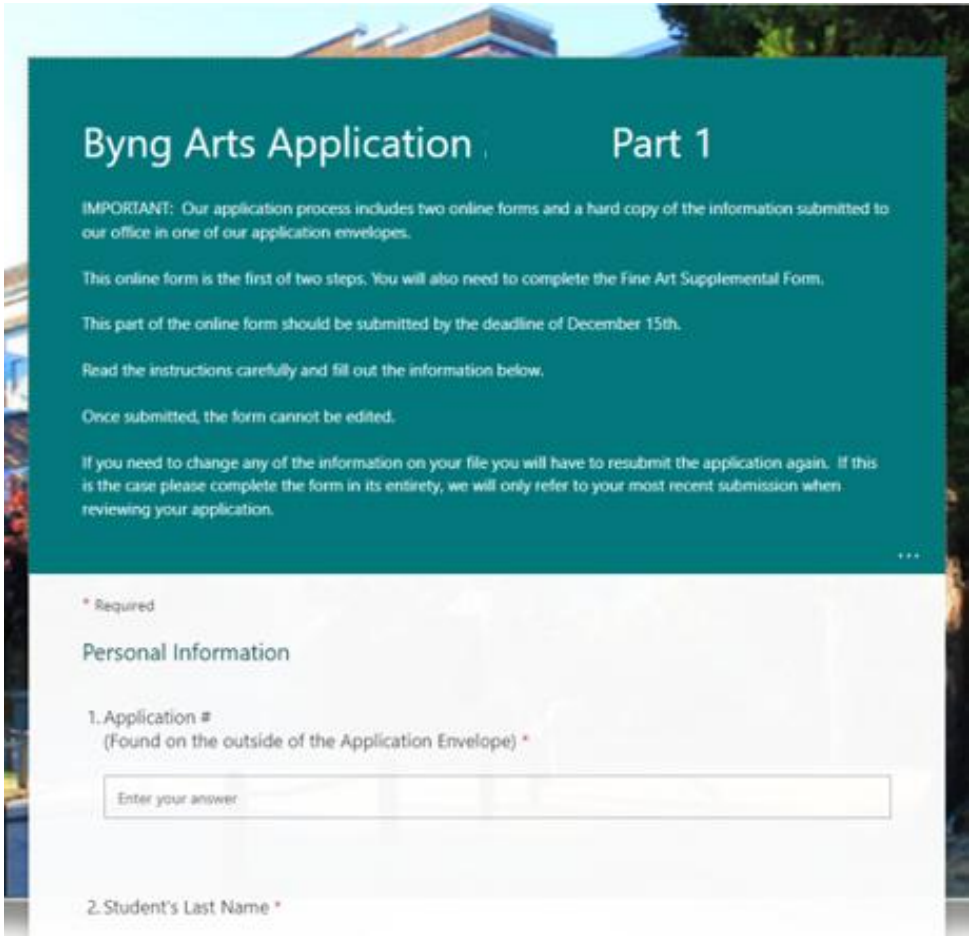
Please note:

The Fine Art Supplemental will remain open until midnight on January 1st.

Some Tips

When finished, save the link so you can go back and edit.

For the essay, write it in a word document and paste it into the form. This will help when it comes to MATCHING the information in your PAPER application and your ONLINE application.



Time Line

- Thursday, December 17th
  - Byng Arts Applications
  - Paper Envelope and

    Part 1 of our online application should be submitted by the end of the day
  - Part 2 of the online application will remain open until Jan 01

- First week of January confirmation emails will be sent to all applicants.
- Mid January, short listed applicants will be notified
- February 1 & 2 – Face to Face Auditions

- Mid February
  - Round 1 offers and wait-list offers made by email
- End of February
  - Second Round offers made to waitlisted applicants who have not accepted positions elsewhere.

Offers will continue until all seats are filled.

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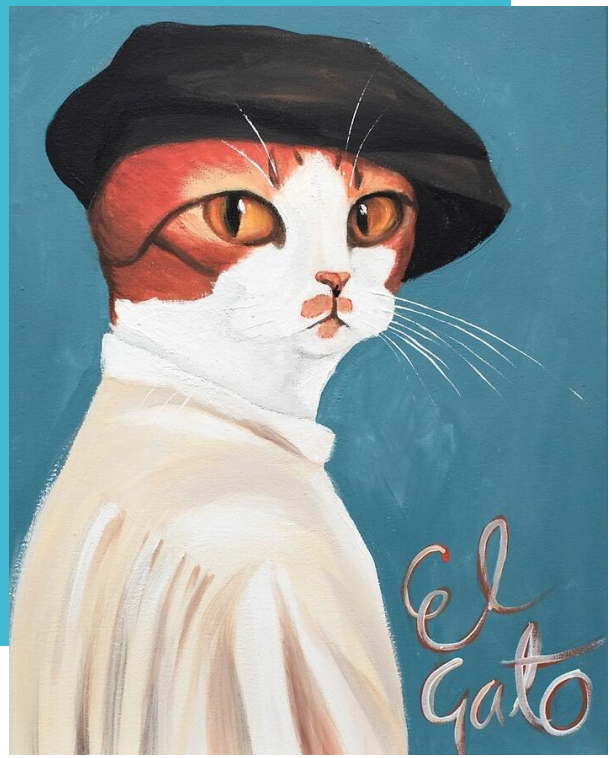

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