**Campus Visits:** Families considering enrollment for their students at Interlochen Arts Academy are strongly encouraged to conduct a campus visit. To fully understand the learning environment at the Arts Academy, it is beneficial to see it in person. Campus visits provide opportunities for students and their families to explore Interlochen’s state of the art facilities and witness the relationships and interactions between teachers/staff and students. See page 1 for more information pertaining to campus visits.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL APPLICANTS

ADMISSION
Interlochen Arts Academy uses a rolling system for making admission decisions. Admission decisions will be made as students’ applications become complete (see checklist, page 2). Students are encouraged to apply early as most programs have enrollment limits. Applications will be considered as long as openings remain in the major program areas: Comparative Arts; Creative Writing; Dance; Music; Motion Picture Arts; Theatre Arts; Visual Arts.

No admission decision will be made prior to the completion of the application process. Admission is determined by a number of factors: a thorough review of all application documents; academic standing; artistic achievement and potential; social and emotional readiness; Interlochen’s programmatic needs; and recommendations from the arts faculty.

The application fee is a non-refundable processing charge and is not applicable to any future bill. The fee for applicants living in the U.S. is $60 and should be paid by check, credit card, or money order, payable to Interlochen Center for the Arts. The application fee for students living outside the U.S. and its territories is $100 and must be paid in U.S. currency. Please note that Academy applications can now be filed online. For details go to academy.interlochen.org/academy-application.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
International applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the Application for Admission as early as possible, as the acquisition of student visas can be time-consuming. All students who are not U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents must obtain a student visa. Requests for student visa supporting documentation are honored by the Office of Admission and Financial Aid after accepted candidates return the signed enrollment agreement and required non-refundable tuition deposit. Limited need-based financial aid and merit scholarships are available to international students. Refer to the financial aid section for more details. To enroll, international students must establish and maintain a stateside sponsor throughout their Interlochen education.

AUDITION AND PORTFOLIO PRESENTATION
An audition or portfolio presentation is required for admission to the Academy. Live auditions and portfolio reviews are preferred, but submitted materials will be considered as well. If the applicant can visit Interlochen personally, the audition or portfolio review may occur during the visit. The faculty has established audition/portfolio criteria that should be carefully followed. These requirements are detailed for each major on pages 2, 3 and 4.

FINANCIAL AID
Need-based aid: see pages 15-17 for instruction and details. The awarding of merit scholarships is based upon the quality and timeliness of the audition/portfolio. Early application is strongly encouraged.

A VISIT TO INTERLOCHEN
Candidates for admission are encouraged to visit campus. Before coming to campus, families should contact the Office of Admission and Financial Aid to arrange a personalized schedule.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Post Address: Office of Admission and Financial Aid, P.O. Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643-0199
Express Courier Address: Office of Admission and Financial Aid, 9900 Diamond Park Rd., Interlochen, MI 49643
Telephone: (231) 276-7472, or toll-free within the U.S. (800) 681-5912 Fax: (231) 276-7464
Website: academy.interlochen.org Admission Email: admission@interlochen.org Financial Aid Email: finaid@interlochen.org
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION CHECKLIST

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- A complete and signed Application for Admission accompanied by the application fee paid in U.S. currency
  - Part A: Student Information and Writing Sample
  - Part B: Parent/Guardian Statement
  - Part C: Recommendation of the School Principal/Head or Guidance Counselor
  - Part D: Recommendation of an Adult Non-Family Member
- Audition/Portfolio Presentation/Departmental Essay
- A transcript for the last three academic years
- Available standardized test score results

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Translation into English of official school transcripts from the last three academic years
- Copy of passport photo page
- Copy of current U.S. student visa and I-20, if applicable
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is recommended for candidates for whom English is not the first language. To learn more about the TOEFL exam locations, call (609) 771-7100 in the U.S., or visit the Educational Testing Service website: www.toefl.org.
- Stateside sponsor information

HOME-SCHOOLED CANDIDATES

- Transcript must include titles of courses completed in each year of home schooling with a course-by-course listing of credits earned.
- A letter of recommendation from an adult outside the family to supplement Part C of the application.
  - Note that Part D is also to be completed by a non-family member.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST BY MAJOR

COMPARATIVE ARTS

Different than the specific arts majors where students devote the majority of their time to a single arts area, the Comparative Arts major offers the opportunity to pursue study in multiple arts areas. Students in all majors take a comprehensive, college preparatory academic curriculum.

There are two requirements for all applicants to this program:
  - An essay explaining why he/she is interested in investigating multiple arts areas
  - An interview with the program director on campus or by phone

New students applying as seniors or post-graduates also need the following:
  - Previous arts experience (performance, classes, etc.)
  - Strong writing skills
  - A project proposal for the annual project (see program description on our website)
CREATIVE WRITING
The writing portfolio should reflect your interest and ability in poetry and prose and should include examples of your best work. It should be in typed form. Portfolio pieces should be presented in standard format with one-inch margins, double-spaced for prose, single-spaced for poetry, using a standard font. The portfolio should consist of six to eight pieces of original work written or revised during the last year, including:

- Poetry: Four or five poems.
- Fiction: Two or three pieces of short fiction (shorts stories or novel excerpts)
- Nonfiction: One or two pieces of nonfiction in the style of a creative, personal or reflective essay (not a report for school). If you don’t have any creative nonfiction, feel free to submit just fiction and poetry.

Optional, supplemental works may include a school paper, essay, or report; an original play or scene no longer than ten pages; or, a wild card that could be a journal entry, a letter, or anything not listed as a requirement. If you are unable to present all of the suggested portfolio materials, simply submit all of the materials you do have to www.interlochen.org/submit.

DANCE
When applying, students should include a 5 x 7 photo taken in first arabesque. Students must audition in person (preferred) or submit a recorded audition via www.interlochen.org/submit. Recorded audition presentations should be no longer than six minutes and must contain the following material:

- Center - Grand Adagio including développés in each position, promenades and pirouettes
- Petit Allegro
- Grand Allegro including jetés, tour jetés and tour en l’air (for men)
- Pointe work including pirouettes, relevés and échappés
- Solo - This should include a prepared solo of applicant’s choice lasting no longer than two minutes, showing the full range of abilities of the dancer
- No barre work is required on the audition tape

Required Audition Attire:
Females: Black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, pointe shoes, and hair in bun for ballet
Males: White smooth-fitting T-shirt, black tights, white socks, white ballet shoes, and hair no longer than collar-length

MOTION PICTURE ARTS
To apply to the Motion Picture Arts program at Interlochen Arts Academy, please submit a completed application and the following portfolio requirements:

- Personal essay detailing your interest in filmmaking and the events that inspired you to apply to Interlochen. Help us get to know you and how you came to make application to Academy. Tell us your story.
- A list of experiences directly or indirectly related to film. If you have a background in other academic or arts disciplines, please include them in the list.

One of the following:
- A screen or stage play (max 10 pages)
- A film (max 10 minutes)
- 10 photographs
- 5-10 visual arts works (drawings, paintings, sculpture, digital imaging)
- 2 works of short fiction, critical/expository writing, or non-fiction narrative (max 10 pages)
- A written treatment (1-2 pages) of an original story idea you would like to see made into a film. A treatment is simply an overview of the story, written in a short, straight-forward style.

How to Submit:
Candidates are required to submit their portfolios digitally as a part of the application process. We highly encourage all applicants to plan a campus visit when they can meet with the artistic director, tour DeRoy Center for Film Studies and observe classes in session. If you are ready to submit your portfolio at the time of your visit, please upload your work to www.interlochen.org/submit prior to your visit. If a visit experience is not possible, portfolios must be submitted to www.interlochen.org/submit in order for an admission decision to be made. Please do not send original works as they will not be returned to the applicant.
MUSIC
Live auditions on campus are preferred. Recorded auditions can be submitted via www.interlochen.org/submit. Audition requirements by instrumentation are:

Piano and Organ: One major scale, one minor scale, one study or etude, and two memorized representative solo works of contrasting style

Percussion: Demonstration of skills on each of the following instruments:
- Snare drum – open roll, closed roll, solo including rolls, double and triple rhythms
- Mallet instruments and/or piano – exercises, solos or excerpts from band or orchestral literature
- Timpani – exercises, solos or excerpts from band or orchestral literature

Wind and String: One major scale, one minor scale, one study or etude, and one solo work

Harp: One study or etude and two solo works of contrasting style

Guitar: Two solo works of contrasting style (must be submitted via video)

Voice: One or two classical solos or arias

Composition: A minimum of three scores; a recording of works on CD is strongly encouraged, but not required. A MIDI realization is acceptable.

Singer-Songwriter: A performance of three to five of a student’s original songs. Students will also need to share a copy of the song lyrics; for online auditions lyrics can be uploaded as a document at www.interlochen.org/submit.

THEATRE ARTS

Theatre: Performance Audition repertoire must consist of two memorized monologues selected from two different plays. Candidates are strongly urged to read these plays in their entirety. Each should be two minutes in length. The audition selections should display contrasting styles, such as comic and serious, verse and prose. Candidates must also sing a 16-bar or one-minute portion of a song from standard musical theatre repertoire. Candidates should sing their musical theatre selection a cappella or provide recorded accompaniment. Please time selections carefully. Live auditions are held at Interlochen and are pre-scheduled by the Office of Admission and Financial Aid at the request of the candidate. Applicants who cannot travel to Interlochen may submit recorded audition repertoire via www.interlochen.org/submit.

Theatre: Design and Production A portfolio must be submitted at the time of application. The portfolio may contain photographs of productions, three-dimensional work, production books, scene, costume, or lighting examples, visual examples demonstrating artistic vision, and a brief statement discussing undocumented experience in design, stage technology and stage performance.

VISUAL ARTS

The visual arts portfolio should consist of at least seven to ten recent pieces of artwork that represent your artistic interests and demonstrate your technical skills and abilities. It is strongly suggested that you include at least three drawings from observation, rather than from imagination or copied from photographs. You should provide examples of artwork that are a product of art instruction as well as work that reflects your individual ideas. Portfolio submissions can include drawings, paintings, photography, illustrations, design work, sculpture, ceramics, metals or fibers work.

Candidates are required to submit their portfolios digitally as a part of the application process. We highly encourage all applicants to visit campus and have a live portfolio review. When visiting campus, we recommend bringing original portfolio work and your sketchbook to show the visual arts director during your review. If you are ready to submit your portfolio at the time of your visit, please upload your work to www.interlochen.org/submit prior to your visit or bring a CD-ROM of your work with you.

If a visit experience is not possible, portfolios must be submitted to www.interlochen.org/submit in order for an admission decision to be made. Please do not send original works as they will not be returned to the applicant.
**Application for Admission**

**PART A STUDENT INFORMATION AND WRITING SAMPLE**

**Academic Year 2013-14**

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**Campus Visit:**
I have scheduled a visit on ____________ Date

**Audition/Portfolio:**
___ I will submit a recorded audition or portfolio on ____________ Date

**Living Arrangement Requested:**
_____ Boarding Student
_____ Day Student

Have you ever attended Interlochen? Yes/No

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**Application for Entry to:**

**Term/Academic Year**

**Application for Admission to:**

_____ 9th Grade
_____ 10th Grade
_____ 11th Grade
_____ 12th Grade
_____ Post-Graduate Year

**Proosed Major - Rank in order of preference:**

___ Comparative Arts
___ Creative Writing
___ Dance
___ Music
___ Instrument, Voice Type, Composition or Singer-Songwriter
___ Motion Picture Arts
___ Theatre: ____ Performance ____ Design and Production
___ Visual Arts

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**Proposed Major**

**Rank in order of preference:**

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**Applicant’s Full, Legal Name**

Last/Family Name                       First/Given Name                   Middle Name                Nickname               Male or Female

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**Permanent Address**

Street Address        City, State/Province          Postal/Zip Code  Country

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**Home Telephone**

Cellular Telephone

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**Current Address**

if different

Street Address        City, State/Province          Postal/Zip Code

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**Country**

Home Telephone

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**Fax**

Student E-mail Address

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**Other Information**

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)  Country of Birth  Country of Citizenship  Religion (optional)  Ethnicity (optional)

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**CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Name of School**

City, State/Province, Country        Telephone          Fax

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**Public**

**Independent**

**Parochial**

**Other**

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**Dates of Attendance**

**Type of School**

**Grades Completed**

**School Website**

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**APPLICATIONS WHO ARE NON-U.S. CITIZENS ONLY**

Are you currently in the U.S. on a visa? [ ] Yes/No  

**IF APPLICABLE**

**Type of Visa, if any**

**SEVIS ID No.**

**Granting Institution**

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If you are a U.S. Resident Alien, what is your alien registration number?  

A-  

**Date issued?**

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How long have you studied English? ____________ Years

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Is English your first language? ____________ What other languages do you speak?

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**Stateside Sponsor:**

Full Name        Mailing Address  City, State, Postal Code  

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Daytime Telephone  Home Telephone  E-mail
FAMILY INFORMATION

Who is your custodial parent? □ Both Parents □ Parent/Guardian 1 □ Parent/Guardian 2

With whom do you reside? □ Both Parents □ Parent/Guardian 1 □ Parent/Guardian 2 □ Other

Parent/Guardian 1 □ Mr. □ Ms. □ Other ______ Specify

Full Name ____________________________

Address (if different from the applicant’s address) ____________________________

E-mail ____________________________ Cellular Phone ____________________________

Employer ____________________________ Title ____________________________

Occupation ____________________________ Work Telephone ____________________________

Parent/Guardian 2 □ Mr. □ Ms. □ Other ______ Specify

Full Name ____________________________

Address (if different from the applicant’s or Parent/Guardian 1’s address) ____________________________

E-mail ____________________________ Cellular Phone ____________________________

Employer ____________________________ Title ____________________________

Occupation ____________________________ Work Telephone ____________________________

Do you have any relatives who are attending or who have attended Interlochen? ______ If so, please provide the following information:

Yes/No

Full Name (include Maiden Name) Year(s) Attended Interlochen Program(s) Relationship to You

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HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY? (Choose more than one if applicable.)

□ Member of the Interlochen Community □ Faculty/Staff Employee □ Alumnus/Alumna

□ Teacher □ Current Student/Family □ Other

Full Name ____________________________ Specify

Full Name (include Maiden Name) E-mail Telephone Number Subject Taught

Consultant Name Agency Name E-mail Telephone Number

Consultant Name (Agency Name) E-mail Telephone Number Subject Taught

Other ____________________________

Search Engine/Internet site (Engine/Website) ____________________________

Educational/Community Organization Name Location

Name (Location) ____________________________

Publication/Directory ____________________________

Attendence at an Interlochen summer program ____________________________

Other ____________________________ Specify

APPLICATION FEE Please enclose the required fee (see pg.1) to process your application. Make check payable to “Interlochen Center for the Arts.”

□ Check □ VISA □ MasterCard □ Discover □ American Express

Credit Card Number Expiration Date

Print Card Holder Name Card Holder Signature

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I certify that all information presented by me for admission consideration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of the Applicant Date Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date
Applicant’s Full, Legal Name ________________________________________Proposed Major:_______________ Graduation Year:________

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E-mail Address    Home Telephone Number

What has motivated you to apply to Interlochen Arts Academy?

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How long have you studied your proposed major?___________________ Have you had formal training in this art form?________________

Who has been your most influential artistic teacher/mentor and why?

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If you are applying as a music major, please list the four most challenging solo works you have performed (pieces and composers).

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List any awards/honors you have received in the past four years and share any artistic, academic, co-curricular, or personal achievements and goals about which you are especially proud.

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Please describe the important activities in which you are involved throughout the year. Don’t forget to include academic/school clubs and organizations, art forms, athletics, community service/leadership and work opportunities.

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Have you attended a summer/enrichment program other than Interlochen in the past two years?___________ If so, provide the following information:

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What other programs/schools are you considering?

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Select one of the options below to fulfill the writing requirement for admission to the Academy.

**Option 1:** Submit a copy of a graded paper you have written for an English or Social Studies class.

**Option 2:** Write an essay on one of the topics listed below. It must be your own words and completed without assistance.

Your essay may be handwritten or typed and should be no longer than 500 words.

A. Who has been the most influential person in your life, and what have you learned from this person?
B. Write about an event in your life that challenged you and how it affected you.
C. Explore an issue of local, national, or international concern and its importance and relevance to you.
Applicant’s Full, Legal Name ________________________________________ Proposed Major: ___________________ Graduation Year: ______

E-mail Address ________________________________________________
Home Telephone Number ________________________________________

Interlochen believes students learn best when parents, students and faculty form a meaningful partnership. Therefore, parents and faculty are very involved in the whole education of Interlochen students. Please answer the questions below to help the admission committee better understand your child. Continue your responses on a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space.

Describe your expectations of Interlochen Arts Academy.
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Write a statement that describes your child’s qualities, strengths and challenges. What do you believe your child will learn while studying at Interlochen? What do you think your child will contribute to the Interlochen community?
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FINANCIAL AID
Seventy-five percent of students receive financial aid. Grants are based on financial need and merit of the candidate as well as the programmatic needs of the Arts Academy.
Do you intend to apply for need-based financial aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, see page 15)
Do you wish to be considered for merit aid? ☐ Yes ☐ No (A separate application is not required.)
How much is your family able to pay toward tuition? $________________ (Do not leave blank.)
REQUIRED BACKGROUND INFORMATION

☐ Yes  ☐ No  1. Does your child have a chronic health problem or disability about which the medical staff should know? If so, please use the space below or attach a letter that outlines this condition, diagnosis, treatment (including medications), and any possible restrictions of activities.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  2. Has your child’s education ever been interrupted because of medical/emotional issues, suspension, expulsion, or has the applicant ever been asked to withdraw from any school? If so, please use the space below or attach a letter explaining the nature of the issue/circumstance, the applicant’s current educational status, and the affected grades and placement in school. Please detail how you believe the applicant will adapt to the Interlochen boarding school community and environment.

☐ Yes  ☐ No  3. Has your child consulted with or been referred to a professional for educational or psychological testing, counseling, guidance, family therapy, psychotherapy or for any other reason? If yes, please briefly describe the circumstances in the space below and submit a copy of any results or assessment(s) provided.

If you answered yes to question 3 above, you and your professional provider must complete your sections of the Required Health Profile Form that will be sent to you from the Office of Admission and Financial Aid. An affirmative answer will not preclude attendance at the Academy, but failure to answer accurately may be cause for rescission of acceptance or dismissal. This information will be kept confidential and will not become part of the student’s permanent record. The admission committee cannot review the applicant's file without this information.

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian     Date
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To the Student:
Complete the above information. Also, please have your parents sign and date this form before giving it to your school principal/head or guidance counselor.

For Parent/Guardian
I hereby authorize the release of information requested by the Office of Admission and Financial Aid at Interlochen Center for the Arts.
I acknowledge that I am waiving my right to read this confidential recommendation and the school report for the applicant listed above.

To the Principal/Head/Counselor
The above student is applying for admission to Interlochen Arts Academy. This form is required as part of the application process.
Please complete and return this form to the Office of Admission and Financial Aid. Please include the following:

• Transcript for the last three academic years, including mid-year grades
• Most recent standardized testing results (ACT, SAT, state exams, etc.)
• This recommendation form
• School profile, including grading scale

How long and in what capacity have you known this student?

Write the first three words that come to mind to describe this student.

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Please comment on the student’s character, citizenship, and personal integrity.

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Please describe any notable accomplishments or personal circumstances of which the admission committee should be aware when considering this student.

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PART C  RECOMMENDATION OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/HEAD OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

- Yes  No  Throughout enrollment has this student ever been in poor academic standing?
- Yes  No  Has the student ever been dismissed, suspended, placed on probation, or received other serious disciplinary sanctions?
- Yes  No  Has the student ever withdrawn from school voluntarily for an extended period of time for reasons other than health?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please provide a full explanation below. Please add any additional information you believe would be helpful in the review of the student’s application for admission.

- I prefer to speak directly with an enrollment officer.

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- Yes  No  Has an educational assessment of this student been done by this school? If so, please forward a copy of the results.
- Yes  No  Are you aware of any testing for this student outside of regular standardized testing? If yes, please explain:

________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Please check the appropriate box(es) below and offer any other observations on school letterhead about this student that you want us to know.

- Recommended with enthusiasm:
- Recommended:
- Recommended with reservation:
- Not recommended:
- Prefer not to make a recommendation
- Please contact me

Name (Please Print)        Job Title
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature          Date
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
Name of School         School Address
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone          E-mail where we can reach you
Applicant’s Full Name: __________________________ Proposed Major: __________________________ Graduation Year: __________

Mailing Address: __________________________ E-mail Address: __________________________ Home Telephone Number: __________________________

To the Student:
1. Complete the above information.
2. Have parent/guardian sign and date this form before giving it to your recommending adult.
3. Give this form to an adult who is not a member of your family, but someone who knows you well; it may be an arts teacher, an academic teacher or any other adult you select.

For Parent/Guardian:
I hereby authorize the release of information requested by the Office of Admission and Financial Aid at Interlochen Center for the Arts. I acknowledge that I am waiving my right to read this confidential recommendation.

Name of Parent/Guardian: __________________________ Signature of Parent/Guardian: __________________________ Date: __________________________

To the Recommending Adult:
Interlochen Arts Academy unites nearly 500 of the most talented and motivated young artists who study comparative arts, creative writing, dance, motion picture arts, music, theatre arts, visual arts and challenging academics in a college-like setting. We are seeking individuals who demonstrate a high level of artistic achievement or potential in their chosen art form, succeed and thrive in a challenging and rigorous academic environment, are excited and enthusiastic about learning, and have the ability and desire to make a positive contribution to the Academy community.

The above student is applying for admission to Interlochen Arts Academy. This form is required as part of the application process. Please complete and return it to the Office of Admission and Financial Aid. Your comments will be kept confidential. Please feel free to attach additional materials.

How long and in what capacity have you known this student? __________________________ __________________________ __________________________

Write the first three words that come to mind to describe this student.

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Please comment on the student’s character, citizenship, and personal integrity.

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Please describe any notable accomplishments or personal circumstances of which the admission committee should be aware when considering this student.

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Please place a check mark at the points that represent your evaluation of the student in comparison to other students whom you have known.

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Please add any additional information you believe would be helpful in the review of the student’s application for admission.

☐ I prefer to speak directly with an enrollment officer.

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Please check the appropriate box(es) below and offer any other observations on a separate paper about this student that you want us to know.

☐ Recommended with enthusiasm:

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☐ Recommended with reservation:

☐ Not recommended:

☐ Prefer not to make a recommendation

☐ Please contact me

Name (Please Print)        Job Title
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Name of School/Organization Mailing Address

Telephone                   E-mail
Interlochen is committed to enrolling a diverse, talented, and highly motivated student body. We welcome families from all walks of life who believe in their children and their ability to succeed. Financial circumstances should not prevent any family from making an application to attend Interlochen Arts Academy.

In 2012-13, Interlochen granted nearly $9 million in financial aid. Seventy-five percent of the Academy students receive financial aid.

Interlochen adheres to a policy of need-blind admission. The administration of our financial aid program is completely separate from the admission process. Requesting financial aid will not affect an applicant’s chances of being offered admission to the Arts Academy.

### TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

**Need-Based Aid**
Interlochen provides need-based financial aid to help defray the cost of attendance for those students who could not otherwise afford to attend. Eligibility is determined by comparing what a family can be expected to pay with the cost of attendance.

**Merit-Based Aid**
Merit scholarships are granted in the amounts of $4,000 or $5,000 to those applicants who demonstrate unusual excellence through their audition or portfolio. Applicants should indicate on the application for admission whether they would like to be considered for merit scholarship. A separate application is not required.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

To ensure the objectivity and consistency of financial aid evaluations, Interlochen collects applicant financial data through a standardized, third-party system used by independent schools throughout the country. Please visit our website at [http://academy.interlochen.org/financial-aid](http://academy.interlochen.org/financial-aid) for the most up-to-date application instructions.

**Determining Financial Need**
How much a family is expected to spend on education will be based upon the information provided during the application process. Factors such as household income, parent age, family size, cost of living, and other education costs are included in the calculation process. Interlochen will determine financial aid eligibility by assessing the financial circumstances of both parents and determining an expected financial contribution toward the payment of Academy tuition.

While Interlochen is committed to making the Arts Academy accessible to all deserving students, available funding is finite and we are unable to meet the full demonstrated need of all families. Please see page 16 for information on seeking supplemental funding to help finance an Academy education.

**Important Dates**
Those applicants who submit all required documentation by February 14 will be included in the early rounds of financial aid evaluations. Financial aid decisions will be shared beginning the middle of March 2013. Financial aid decisions will be made on a rolling basis thereafter while funding remains available.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parents who are Divorced, Separated, or were Never Married

To ensure that all applicants are given equal consideration, each biological parent’s household must submit a separate Financial Aid Application and supporting documentation. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to communicate this requirement to the non-custodial parent.

This requirement may be waived only if documentation is provided that clearly demonstrates that the non-custodial parent provides no financial support and maintains no contact with the applicant. This documentation must be provided by a third-party such as a lawyer, minister, social worker, etc.

The Office of Admission and Financial Aid at finaid@interlochen.org can be contacted with questions.

Confidentiality

All financial information is considered strictly confidential. Access to documents is restricted to the Financial Aid Officer and members of the Financial Aid Committee.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

Many Interlochen Academy families seek and secure additional funding to supplement what they pay and what Interlochen provides in financial aid. Some of these options include:

- General information about financing a private school education, including a list of national scholarship resources, can be found at the website of the National Association of Independent Schools (www.nais.org)
- Support from grandparents or other family members
- Scholarships granted through churches, local arts and community organizations
- Student/community-organized fundraising events

FINANCING OPTIONS

- Interlochen uses Tuition Management Systems (www.afford.com) to administer an interest-free, monthly payment plan that allows families to spread tuition payments over the school year
- Low-interest educational loans are available from lenders such as Your Tuition Solution (www.yourtuitionsolution.com) and prepGATE (www.prepgate.com)
When should I apply for financial aid?
Financial aid is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified candidates beginning in mid March. It is recommended that you apply before February 14; however, applications will be considered as long as funding remains.

How much can my family expect to contribute?
Interlochen believes that each family bears the primary responsibility for funding their child's education. You will be expected to do all you reasonably can to provide for your child. Financial aid is intended to help cover the difference between the full tuition and the amount a family can afford.

Is there a level of income at which my family would no longer be considered for aid?
No. Applications are considered individually, and income is only one factor evaluated.

Do you grant any full tuition scholarships?
Every family contributes to the educational expenses of their child. There are no full-tuition scholarships.

Can aid change from year to year?
If your financial circumstances remain consistent, you can expect a similar need-based financial aid package each year. Merit scholarships are renewed only if the student continues to demonstrate unusual excellence in his or her arts area. Academic and social records are also considered.

What should I do if my financial situation is complicated?
Compose a letter drawing attention to individual circumstances that should be considered when determining financial aid. Be as specific as possible with dates and figures. The letter should be included with the Application for Financial Aid.

Will applying for financial aid hurt my child's chances of being accepted to Interlochen?
No. Interlochen has a need-blind admission process. Admission and financial aid decisions are made by separate committees.

Will my child have to work on campus as part of being an aid recipient at Interlochen?
No. As a student, your child's primary responsibility and focus should be school work. Aid recipients are not treated any differently than students who do not receive aid.

Does Interlochen offer a work-study program?
No. As a student, your child's primary responsibility should be school work. All financial aid offered by Interlochen is grant money that does not have to be repaid or worked-off.

How does Interlochen maintain the confidentiality of financial aid applicants?
Access to your financial documents is restricted to the Financial Aid Committee. Access to financial aid amounts is restricted to those school officials that require this information to best serve you and your child.

Are there any helpful hints for us to consider when completing the Financial Aid Application?
Read the instructions carefully and thoroughly. The financial aid committee cannot make a decision if your application is incomplete. Make a copy of everything you submit and keep it handy as you complete the application process.

Does Interlochen offer tuition payment plans?
Tuition Management Systems administers an interest-free, ten-month payment plan. Information about this plan can be found at www.afford.com.

Does Interlochen offer an educational loan program?
Interlochen does not administer a loan program. There are, however, low-interest educational loan programs available through third-party providers to help families provide a quality education to their children.
Interlochen Center for the Arts engages and inspires people worldwide through excellence in educational, artistic and cultural programs, enhancing the quality of life through the universal language of the arts.