



## **Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation Inc.**

Picture a child singing into their hairbrush, playing chords on an air guitar, or a child who has always dreamt of dancing on stage. Now think about what those simple things represent to a child whose family has financial constraints. These children are looking for a way to creatively express themselves, but are limited due to their financial situation. They think they can only dream about doing these things, but with your help and generous support we can give them the tools and education so that they can take their pretend world and make it real.

The mission of the Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation Inc. is to provide the opportunity for children to creatively express themselves by taking lessons in the various disciplines of the performing arts.

The Foundation provides scholarships in vocal instruction, dance, acting, instrumental music, film and audio visual to children ages 7-18. We are building partnerships with local schools as well as other community organizations to identify students who meet the financial needs requirements. Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship will need to complete an application. They must also submit an essay of two paragraphs or more or a video of 3 minutes or less that explains what it would mean to them to receive this scholarship, how being part of this program would impact their life, and which genre they are interested in learning (students may only choose one genre.) Younger students may write a few sentences or draw a picture.

The Foundation Advisory Committee will review all eligibility and submissions. The Advisory Committee is comprised of performing arts educators, social workers, business owners, theatre enthusiasts as well as other professionals within the local community that have a love for the arts.

Once a student is accepted into the program the Foundation will then pair the scholarship recipient with a participating local performing arts studio.

Any student who receives a scholarship will receive weekly or biweekly lessons in the genre of their choice. If the student is in need of any of the required items in order to be successful in their class (i.e. dance shoes or instruments) the foundation will make every effort to provide these items to the student when funding is available.

All students are asked to participate in the end of the year recital for their studio as well as the Foundations end of the year concert. This is where they will be able to showcase all that they



learned to those who helped make it possible – our generous donors, sponsors and performing arts studios.

Performing arts education contributes to the proactive development of an individual on many different levels. It provides children with the opportunity to find their own voice, increases self-esteem, gives them a sense of belonging, and provides an outlet for them to openly express themselves.

**Did you know?**

- Students who take four years of arts and music classes average almost 100 points higher on their SAT scores than students who take only one-half year or less.
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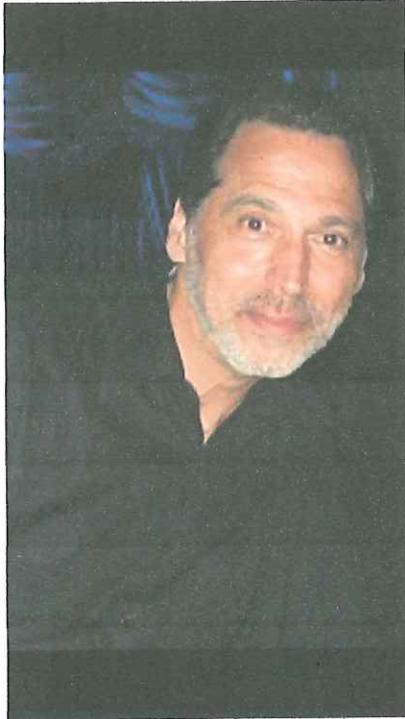
With your help, the Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation Inc. will be able to create an environment for students to develop their interpersonal skills, confidence, imagination, reach their creative potential and share their gifts.

For more information please email [jodi@applaudourkids.org](mailto:jodi@applaudourkids.org) or log onto [www.applaudourkids.org](http://www.applaudourkids.org).

**Thank you for giving a child the opportunity to shine!**

The Grinwald Family





### **About Zzak G:**

The Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation was created in honor of our Dad, Zzak G. who was a singer/songwriter and was extremely passionate about the performing arts.

Our Dad was an inspiration to us and our children as well as all those who came into his life. He always said that he practiced the religion of kindness.

He was our mentor, our best friend, our teacher, our spiritual advisor, positivity trainer, our rock, our go to guy, our sounding board, our business advisor and so much more. Everyone who met him felt the same way. He was selfless in his endeavors and supported people on their own personal journeys. He believed in the power of positive thinking and could turn any situation into a positive learning experience.

Three years ago, he was diagnosed with ALS and within 6 months he lost his battle. Throughout his disease he tried to stay strong and positive. He refused to let ALS define him. He went to work in Manhattan even when he was struggling with walking and he sang Happy Birthday to his oldest Granddaughter the week before he passed away even though he was on a ventilator. The performing arts kept him going up until the end. We love and miss him each and every day.

His passion in life was music, the performing arts and watching his grandchildren as they performed on stage as well. We know that he is so proud of each child that comes through this foundation. He is yelling "Fantastic" just like he did for his own grandkids at every performance.

Please take a moment to listen to Zzak G. perform two original songs.

Rhymes of a Child: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7lUaVdh7cc>

Homeless: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSmsJNiARxM>



## **Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation, Inc.**

The mission of the Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is to provide the opportunity for children with a financial need to creatively express themselves by taking lessons in the various disciplines of the performing arts.

Our vision is to be a conduit between children in the community and performing arts educational centers in order to provide ongoing music education for those with financial constraints.

The Foundation provides performing arts scholarships to students with financial needs ages 7-18 in the following disciplines: vocal instruction, dance, acting, instrumental music, film and audio/visual. Students will participate in lessons at local studios within their community.

Performing arts education helps to increase motor and cognitive skills, but also teaches students leadership, teamwork, responsibility, independence, creativity, and increases self-esteem.

The student is required to submit a video or essay sharing what it would mean to them to receive this scholarship and how it would impact their life.

### **Requirements:**

- Parent/guardian must complete an application
- Submit a video of 3 minutes or less or write an essay of two paragraphs or more



**Scholarship Details:**

- The program runs throughout the school year.
- Students will take lessons at a local participating studio.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for transportation to and from the participating studio.
- Parent/guardian and student must abide by all rules set forth by the participating studio.
- If you are unable to provide any of the following, please note below in your application: dancewear, instrument rental, and costumes. Every effort will be made to assist with these items if necessary.
- Providing these items are contingent upon fundraised dollars.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is key to continuing to receive funding for the lessons. If the student is absent more than 4 times for lessons in the school calendar year their scholarship will be revoked. You will be expected to contact the studio if your child is going to be absent. Please do not schedule any other appointments during the scheduled class time. Attendance will be kept and monitored. Ongoing funding is not guaranteed when an attendance issue becomes apparent.

**Instruments and Dance Shoes:**

Instruments and dance shoes must be returned if the student leaves the program.

**Please note:**

The number of students that receive scholarships is limited based on Foundation funds.



## Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation, Inc.

### Applicant Information

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Applicant Work? \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual

Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Select One Discipline:

#### Dance:

\_\_\_\_\_ Creative Movement \_\_\_\_\_ Ballet \_\_\_\_\_ Tap \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contemporary \_\_\_\_\_ Lyrical \_\_\_\_\_ Hip Hop

Sizes: \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe: \_\_\_\_\_ Leotard: \_\_\_\_\_ Tights: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Vocal:

\_\_\_\_\_ Broadway \_\_\_\_\_ Classical \_\_\_\_\_ Country  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jazz \_\_\_\_\_ Pop \_\_\_\_\_ Rock

#### Other:

\_\_\_\_\_ Acting \_\_\_\_\_ Musical Theatre  
\_\_\_\_\_ Film \_\_\_\_\_ Audio Visual \_\_\_\_\_ Instrumental

### Instrument Interested in Learning:

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**Reason for Applying for Scholarship:**

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**Do you have adequate transportation to and from lessons?** Yes      No

**How far are you willing to travel to lessons?**

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**Have you had any prior experience in the discipline you are seeking a scholarship for?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, provide details:**

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**Please include below any additional pertinent information which you feel the Zzak G. Applaud Our Kids Foundation, Inc. should be aware of to help us determine your eligibility.**

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## Parent Information

Parent/Guardian Name:

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Salary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dependent Children in the Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_





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I certify that all the information provided above is current, true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Please note that if you provide any false information your child will not be eligible to receive this scholarship.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Submitting Your Application

- Please send your application to [jodigrinwald@gmail.com](mailto:jodigrinwald@gmail.com)