

**acGATEWAY 2011**  
**Aiken County's Gifted And Talented Education With Artistic Youth**  
**Elementary Student Audition Information**

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**Checklist**

Before submitting your application, please go through this checklist. Return the following items to your acGATEWAY Arts Area Director.

- Application
- Tell Us About Yourself (**with wallet size photograph**) to be filled out by student (handwritten-legibly)
- 2 Recommendation Forms (completed by arts, academic, and/or private teacher)
- Creative Writing Applicants Only**—Writing Samples (see Audition Information)

**Attendance Policy**

All participants are required to attend the entire Program. Unexcused absences or tardiness will not be permitted. Absences will only be excused for illness or death in the immediate family. Students who can not meet the attendance requirements should not apply for the program.

**Calendar of Important Dates**

November 5, 2010	Applications to schools/Letters to past acGATEWAY Students
December 13, 2010	Applications mailed back to Mr. Laorenza
January 24, 2011	Audition times mailed to applicants
February 19, 2011	Audition at <b>Aiken High School</b>
March 28, 2011	Audition results mailed to applicants
April 22, 2011	Student response mailed to Mr. Laorenza
June 8, 2011	acGATEWAY Program begins at <b>Midland Valley High School</b>
June 8, 2011	Parent's Meeting (8:15 AM)
June 15, 2011	Open House (8:15AM-Until)
June 28, 2010	Elementary School Showcase (7:00PM)
June 29, 2010	Elementary Program ENDS: 1/2 day (8:15AM-12:00PM)
July 4, 2011	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
July 7, 2011	Middle/High School Showcase (7:00PM)
July 8, 2011	Middle/High School Program Ends: 1/2 day (8:00AM-12:00PM)

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## **Dance**

**Workshop:** Students will participate in three workshops on the day of the auditions: ballet, tap, and jazz. They will be evaluated on their basic dancing ability and their talents in each of these dance areas.

- 1) **Improvisation:** Students will do an improvisational dance.
- 2) **Prepared Dance:** Students must have a dance routine prepared in advance for the audition. The dance should be no longer than two minutes. Costumes are not encouraged.
- 3) **Interview:** Tell the judges about yourself. See attached additional information for dancers.

## **Music**

Students will be evaluated on tone, technique, musicianship, originality, interview, and overall performance.

- 1) **One etude to display musical ability.**
- 2) **Sight read a piece of music.**
- 3) **Create a short, original melody no more than 8 measures to be performed at the audition.** This does not have to be written out.
- 4) **Match pitch and sing musical intervals.**
- 5) **Interview:** tell the judges about yourself.

## **Theatre**

- 1) **One piece from memory:** less than two minutes in length (can be a poem or monologue from a play).
- 2) **Improvisation:** The judges will give subject matter. This is like the game of Charades and can be done with or without speaking.
- 3) **Interview:** tell the judges about yourself.

## **Visual Art (Grades 3-5)**

**Portfolios will be presented at the audition.** Your portfolio should contain the items listed for your grade level. Submit only the required pieces, nothing more. Please consult your art teacher if you have any questions concerning your portfolio. Work completed in previous acGATEWAY sessions will not be accepted. **All work must be completed by the applicant alone and must be original. Copies of artwork will not be accepted. *BE CREATIVE!***

- 1) A picture of an animal in black and white using a variety of lines, textures, and patterns.
- 2) A still life drawing. A PHOTO OF THE STILL LIFE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE PORTFOLIO PIECE. Use special relationships, color, placement, and overlapping to show deep space. Foreground, Middleground, and Background should be evident.
- 3) One other piece of your choice.

**Note: You are encouraged to demonstrate the use of various media (drawing, painting, pencil, color, etc.) when selecting pieces for your portfolio. All three pieces should be presented in a professional manner. These pieces should be mounted (construction paper or poster board may be used).**

### **UNACCEPTABLE Artwork includes:**

- 1) Comic book images – copied or created.
- 2) Reproductions of published sources such as logos. (Photographs or pictures from magazines should include a documented source.)
- 3) Work created on notebook paper or artwork torn from spiral sketchbooks.

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**Elementary Division (Grades 3-5)**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13, 2010**

**Fill in the following information (please print):**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School You Attend<sup>†</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**You May Only Apply For A Maximum Of Two Areas. (Submit a separate application for each area)**

Music                       Theatre                       Visual Art                       Dance

**Audition Date: February 19, 2011**

**\*\*Elementary students are not eligible for  
Creative Writing**

Gender:     Male         Female

Have you attended acGATEWAY before?     Yes     No

Are you Hispanic?    For statistical purposes only

Yes     No

Select all that apply:

American Indian or Alaska Native     Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander     Asian         White

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<sup>†</sup> Applicants must be enrolled in a school in the Aiken County School District.

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**Tell Us About Yourself**

Please Attach a Recent  
Wallet Size Photo of  
Yourself

**WALLET SIZE**

**Tape or glue securely  
in this box.**

**The student should complete this page in his/her own words. Applicant responses will only be compared to students of comparable age and grade.**

**Please provide thoughtful and complete answers to the questions below. Print or type in the space provided or attach additional pages if needed.**

1. What experiences do you have in the arts? Include experiences you've had and teachers you've studied with.

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2. List any awards or honors (arts-related as well as others) you have received.

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3. Why do you want to attend acGATEWAY?

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**Attach Additional Pages if Needed →**

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