

# Visual Arts Academy Application 2024-2025

At Desert Shadows Middle School

Application Deadline: Friday, December 15th, 2023

For the 2024-25 school year, we are currently accepting incoming 7th grade students for this two-year program. We will also accept applications from incoming 8th graders wishing to enroll in a full year of the Visual Arts Academy.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School your child currently attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Teacher's name and contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your child's previous training in Art (i.e. when, with whom, and how long?) Please include details when possible.

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Has your child earned any awards for their artistic abilities? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If you answered yes to the above, please provide details.

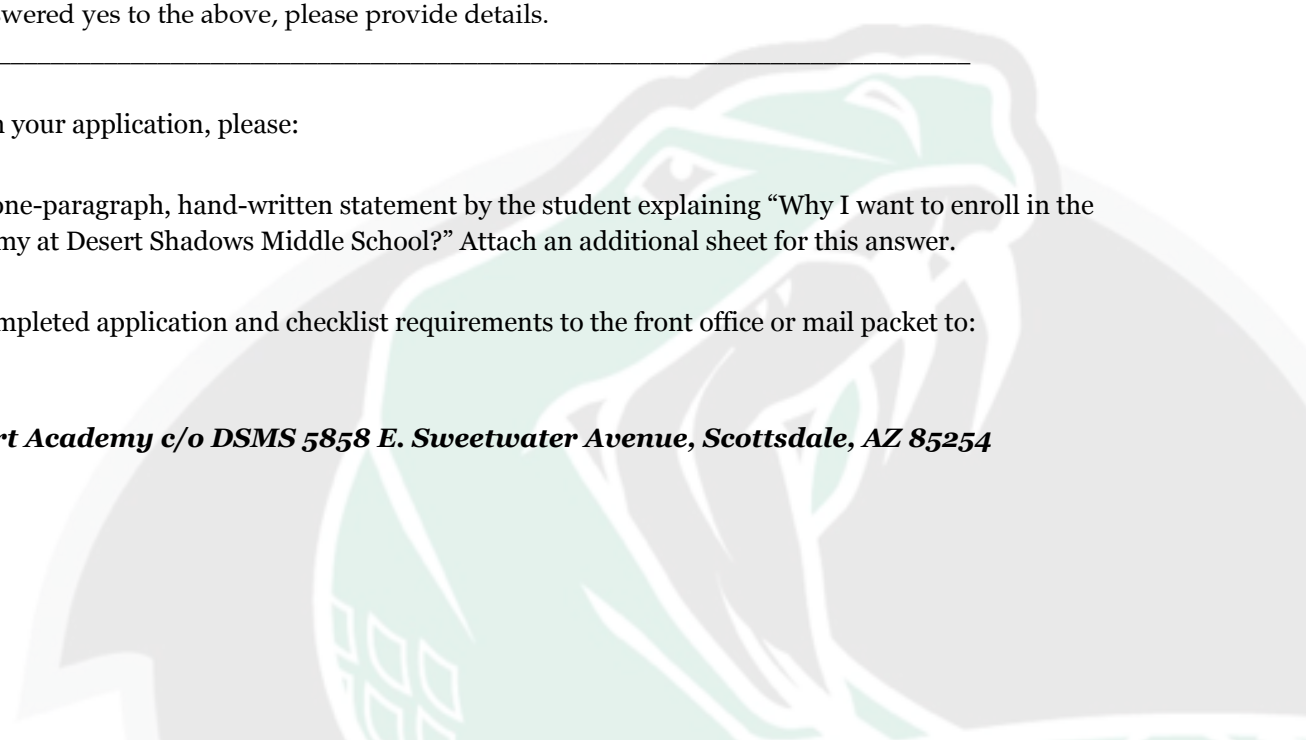
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Along with your application, please:

Submit a one-paragraph, hand-written statement by the student explaining "Why I want to enroll in the Art Academy at Desert Shadows Middle School?" Attach an additional sheet for this answer.

Return completed application and checklist requirements to the front office or mail packet to:

**Art Academy c/o DSMS 5858 E. Sweetwater Avenue, Scottsdale, AZ 85254**



***Once the packet has been received, a signup genius will be sent for you to pick a***

***portfolio presentation time.***

**Portfolio: Please bring 8 printed color copies of your artwork showing any media (drawing, painting, ceramics, mixed media). These copies will not be returned but will remain in your application.**

### Visual Art Academy

The Visual Art Academy at Desert Shadows allows students to study art year long, for their full two years in middle school. The curriculum begins in 7th grade with an emphasis in skill building in observational drawing, linear perspective, advanced color theory, and utilizing various media in sculpture, and ceramics. Public art murals are designed and executed, and stage prop building is studied and created for various school performances. As the first year progresses students are introduced to "Design Process Thinking," and begin to increasingly develop their own ideas based on themes and creative restraints. By the time they move into 8th grade, students are working with complex themes more conceptual in nature. All Academy students participate in one art related field trip in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and artwork is entered into the Paradise Valley Sights and Sounds Show.

