



## Jump Into Art

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Janay Tieken  
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Dear Janay,

I run a wonderful little art program out of the McKinney Art House called Jump Into Art that focuses on making art accessible and engaging for all children. I have been offering paid classes and scholarships for the past 4 years and each year I sponsor up to 10 per semester and up to 20 for each camp. This means I regularly offer free classes totaling \$800 a month for 9 months and \$900 for each week of camp (3 weeks each summer).

I choose my scholarships based on a family's need. If a child is interested and the family cannot afford to come to classes I offer a scholarship. I don't require submitting a lengthy application as I know it can become embarrassing and awkward.

I also give away art supplies to families that need more engaging creativity in their lives.

My background is quite diverse in that I worked in the hospitality industry for a decade, ran a customer service consulting firm for another decade and most recently was a technical consultant for an IT company. 5 years ago my husband was relocated to the Dallas area and we made our home in McKinney where I focused on raising our children and becoming a better potter! Since I arrived I ran the event/birthday party programs for the McKinney Art House for Sona Knox. During my time here I started Jump Into Art with the idea that everyone's an artist and I can help artists of all ages to feel comfortable creating art. It's been wonderful!

I'm requesting \$3000 to further my outreach and to offer more scholarships. Please let me know what additional information you may need.

Sincerely yours,

Magda Dia

