



The Dawson Creek Arts & Wellness fund was created in 2017 as a prevention and early intervention initiative to promote mental wellness. The fund aims to help children and youth, aged 0-24, in our community access arts and wellness programs that would otherwise be unavailable to them due to financial barriers. This funding allows students to come back to their program of choice, year after year, even when families are struggling to make ends meet.

QUICK FACTS

- Requests can be made up to \$250 per applicant, per calendar year.
- Applicants must be between 0-24 years.
- Activities approved include music lessons, circus camp, choir, art classes, social awareness groups, equine assisted learning, and much more.
- References can come from the local school district (SD59), private schools, Ministry of Children and Families Development, Literacy Society, and other community agencies.
- To date we have approved **329** applications and distributed **\$63,584.32** to youth and our community.

While the fund operates similarly to KidSport or Jumpstart it is intended for established arts and wellness programs, where other sources of funding aren't already available.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Research shows that participation in arts and wellness programming can result in significant reduction in anxiety and stress, and improve mood. We believe in keeping children and youth active, to promote feelings of well-being, inclusion, and a sense of belonging in the community.

Our hope is to help the people of Dawson Creek feel well, so that they can do well.

The Dawson Creek Arts and Wellness Society is made up of a small group of dedicated volunteers doing our very best to continue to raise funds and support the community, in an increasingly competitive market.

We thank you very much for taking the time to learn a bit more about our society and your consideration in supporting the improved mental health of the children and youth of Dawson Creek.

Warm Regards,

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