



Thank you for your interest in Friendship Academy of the Arts. Admission to Friendship Academy of the Arts is free to any eligible pupil who resides within the state. A charter school must give enrollment preference to a Minnesota resident pupil over pupils that do not reside in Minnesota.

Open Enrollment

The open enrollment period for each school year will be from January 1st, to April 30th, at 5 p.m. The lottery (if needed) will be held on May 15th, at 5 p.m. and the results will be posted by 5:30 p.m. If seats are still available after this period applications for will be accepted through December 31st.

- To apply: Submit an [online](#) application. Children who will be 5 on or before September 1st, are eligible for kindergarten at Friendship Academy of the Arts

School tours are currently available to see Friendship Academy of the Arts students and teachers in action. Contact school@friendshipacademy.org with tour-related questions or to schedule a tour.

Lottery: When the number of applications is greater than the Board-approved capacity for any grades, we hold a lottery during a public meeting. Based on the lottery, some applicants are offered the opportunity to enroll. The other applicants are placed on a waiting list. After the close of the Open Enrollment period, Friendship Academy of the Arts continues to accept applications for all grades. If there is no space available in a specific grade, the applicant is added to the waiting list.

Enrollment Preference: Siblings of enrolled students and children of Friendship Academy of the Arts staff receive enrollment preference. If the school receives the appropriately completed application of a sibling of a currently enrolled student by the Open Enrollment deadline, the applicant is admitted automatically; this is true even when the admission and enrollment result in the school exceeding a grade-level Board-approved capacity. Enrollment preference will be given to siblings and foster children of a currently enrolled student's parents or staff member. A staff member eligible for an enrollment preference for their child, including a foster child, must be an individual employed at the school whose employment is stipulated in advance to total at least 480 hours in a school calendar year. If the school receives the appropriately completed



application of a child of a Friendship Academy of the Arts staff member, the applicant is admitted automatically; this is true even when the admission and enrollment result in the school exceeding a grade-level Board-approved capacity.

Kindergarten Enrollment: Prospective students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1st of the year in which they begin kindergarten.

Limits on Admission: As a first grade student, unless the pupil is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten.

Receipt of Application: Applications may be submitted via online form.

Non-Discrimination: Friendship Academy of the Arts does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, nor any other protected class. The school district also makes accommodations for students with disabilities, special needs, and limited English proficiency. Foreign students with J-1 visas to be treated as Minnesota residents.

No Incentive Disclaimer

No incentives are offered to students, families or any individual in return for student recruitment.

If you have been offered an enrollment spot, please contact our school office regarding the details of completing and returning your enrollment packet: school@friendshipacademy.org.