



Creative Arts & Expression Badge Provider Application



About This Badge

This accreditation is awarded to programs that celebrate artistic expression through music, theater, painting, dance, and storytelling. It is intended for providers who foster creativity, emotion, and self-expression through hands-on and meaningful artistic activities.

Section 1: General Provider Information

Program Name: _____

Physical Program Address: _____

Legal Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Website Link: _____

Section 2: Eligibility Criteria

To earn the Creative Arts & Expression Badge, providers must demonstrate a commitment to intentional development of interpersonal and practical skills through the following:

- 1. Arts-Based Instruction – Regular activities focused on visual, performing, or literary arts.** *Describe the primary forms of artistic expression your program includes.*

- 2. Creative Input – Students contribute ideas, expression, or interpretation—even within structured lessons.** *Explain what opportunities students have to contribute creatively during your activities.*

3. **Foundational Skills – Instruction includes basic technique or understanding of the art form.** *Describe the artistic skills or techniques taught in your program.*

4. **Sharing or Showcase – Students share work through performances, exhibitions, or guided feedback.** *Explain how students share or present their work with others.*

5. **Expression & Storytelling – Activities help students explore emotion, meaning, or personal voice through their art.** *Describe the activities you provide for expression.*

Section 3: Suggested Qualifiers (At least 2 recommended)

Please check all that apply and provide a brief explanation of how these are included in your program. Programs should meet at least two:

- ☐ **Mixed Media or Visual Arts** – e.g., drawing, painting, sculpture, collage
- ☐ **Music or Rhythm-Based Activities** – e.g., singing, drumming, instruments
- ☐ **Theater, Drama, or Movement** – e.g., acting, improv, movement, storytelling
- ☐ **Creative Writing or Poetry** – e.g., journals, poems, songwriting
- ☐ **Dance or Choreography** – e.g., ballet steps, hip-hop routines, original dances
- ☐ **Arts-Based Cultural Exploration** – e.g., African drumming, Chinese calligraphy
- ☐ **Student Art Portfolios or Journals** – e.g., sketchbooks, creative progress logs
- ☐ **Collaborative Art Projects** – e.g., class mural, group play, co-written book.

Use this space to explain your selections above and provide examples:

Section 4: Quality, Impact, and Intentionality

6. What makes your creative arts program different from a basic arts & crafts or casual performance group?

7. How do you evaluate student understanding or growth in creative arts?

8. Is there anything else you'd like to share that shows your commitment to creative arts-based education?

Section 5: Supporting Documentation

- A sample weekly schedule and scope of creative arts topics
- 3–5 photographs showing your creative arts environment and activities
- A brief bio, relevant qualifications, and creative arts passion of the instructor(s)

Section 6: Agreement

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and that our program meets the expectations of **ParentApproved.org** in offering safe, intentional, and enriching learning experiences for children.

By submitting this application, I agree that my responses may be reviewed for accreditation purposes and used to help create our provider profile. Public-facing details (such as program descriptions or photos) may be shared with my approval. Personal or sensitive information will remain confidential and will never be sold or shared with third parties.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

1. *Submit Completed Application*

Email your application and supporting documents to: certify@parentapproved.org

2. *Initial Review (within 7–10 business days)*

Our team will review your responses, supporting materials, and alignment with eligibility criteria.

3. *Follow-Up (if needed)*

We may request clarification or offer guidance to help meet badge or banner standards.

4. *Approval & Invoice*

If your program meets the requirements, we will issue an invoice for the selected badges and banners.

5. *Banner & Directory Listing*

Once payment is received, your program will receive an official banner that you can display on your website and a custom listing in our ParentApproved.org Directory.