Create Your Future

It’s the challenge that faces everyone. Every day. It faces you, demanding that you question, dream, explore, discover, choose and act. Ask yourself, “What am I good at? What do I love to do so much that time disappears and difficulty and frustration compel me forward? In short, what is my passion?

If you were drawn to this page …. perhaps you are an artist.

Perhaps you are ready to take a chance on your talent, to dare to discover a life in the creative arts, a life that will be filled with challenges but that can also be rewarding beyond your imagination.

How do I prepare for such a life?

Seek teachers, mentors really, who can recognize your potential, who can build upon your strengths and push you to grow beyond your present limitations.

Seek a school that nurtures artistic talent, supports creative risk, encourages academic excellence, and that will not mortgage your future.

Florida School of the Arts is such a place.

Come see for yourself.

Go to : www.floarts.org and click the events calendar link to get a complete list of our productions and exhibitions.

OPEN HOUSE • February 23, 2019
Take the opportunity to visit the campus, meet the faculty, get first-hand accounts about our programs from current students, and speak with some graduates of the program to hear about how Florida School of the Arts helped them launch their careers….

Call (386) 312-4300 to make a reservation for this important upcoming event.

Dare go to art school. It may not be as risky as you think or as expensive as you fear.

A common misconception is that an education in the arts may be personally rewarding but without many possibilities for careers. In this day and age, it is more likely than ever that jobs will be found in sectors that are related to the creative economy. In the electronic and entertainment industries alone there are hundreds of possible career paths made accessible with a degree in the arts.

Look at the following list of careers and see what many already know; the economy will increasingly depend on a creative workforce to invent and imagine the economic possibilities of the future.
Potential “Visual Art Jobs”

Account Manager
Advertising Design
Advertising Photographer
Animator, 2D or 3D
Animation Character Designer
Architect
Art Advocate or Arts Council Director
Art Buyer and/or Appraiser
Art Center Director
Art or Antiques Conservator
Art Director
Art Therapist
Artist Representative and/or Agent
Arts Council Coordinator
Arts Administrator
Audiovisual Designer
Automotive Vehicle Designer
Brand Strategist
Broadcast Designer
Cinematographer
Comic Book Artist
Communications Director
Consumer Insights Manager
Costume Designer
Creative Director
Creative Services Director
Design Studio Owner
Digital Specialist
Editorial Cartoonist
Environmental Designer
Exhibition Designer
Fashion Designer
Fashion Merchandiser
Fashion Photographer
Fashion Stylist
Film Editor
Film Gaffer or Grip
Film Production Manager
Furniture Designer
Gallery Assistant
Gallery Director
Game Designer
Graphic Designer

Greeting Card Illustrator
Illustrator
Industrial Designer
Information Designer
Interior Designer
Jewelry Designer
Landscape Architect
Layout and Background Artist
Lighting Designer
Marketing Analyst
Media Planner or Buyer
Medical or Forensic Photographer
Model Maker
Motion Graphics Designer
Multimedia Designer
Mural Artist
Music Video Production
Museum Director
Package Designer
Photo Editor
Photo Studio Owner
Product Designer
Production Assistant
Program Coordinator
Project Manager
Publishing Industry Designer
Recording Industry Designer
Scenic Set Painter
Special Effects Designer
Sports Equipment Designer
Stage Designer
Stop Motion Animator
Storyboard Artist
Studio Artist
Teacher
Technical Director
Television Producer
Textile Designer
Toy Designer
Urban Designer
Visual Effects Artist
Wallpaper Designer
Web Designer
Website Marketing Consultant
For the impact of the performing arts on our economy please take a look at the web-site “Arts & Economic Prosperity IV” at:

http://www.artsusa.org/information_services/research/services/economic_impact/iv/national.asp,

or http://www.americansforthearts.org/information_services/research/services/creative_industries/default.asp

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the admissions requirements for Florida School of the Arts?**
Admissions are based on Audition or Portfolio Review, Interview, and recommendations. We require a high school diploma or a state issued equivalency certificate/diploma.

**How do I apply?**
First, submit the following paperwork to Florida School of the Arts. We need it before your audition/portfolio review date. Links to these application materials are available online at www.floarts.org

- A Florida School of the Arts Application (no fee required)
- An Arts Resume: A history of your background, previous study and experience in your chosen area
- A Statement of Purpose: a typed one to two page essay outlining your background, interests, short and long-term goals, and any other information providing insight into your education and artistic growth and achievements.
- Two Letters of Recommendation: Ideally, one letter should be from someone who knows you as a student; the other, from someone who can speak to your artistic development
- Your Current High School (or other) Transcripts

The first three items may be submitted online. The letters of recommendation may be requested online if you wish. All items except the Application may also be mailed to:

Florida School of the Arts
Admissions
5001 St Johns Avenue
Palatka, FL 32177

Second, schedule an Audition/Portfolio Review date. Call (386) 312-4300 to be added to the list for your chosen day. Available dates during the 2014-2015 academic year are as follows:

- Friday, October 19, 2018
- Friday, February 22, 2019
- Friday, April 12, 2019
- Thursday, June 13, 2019
On any of these dates, students auditioning for Dance should arrive at 9:00 AM; students auditioning or portfolio reviewing for all other programs should arrive at 12:30 PM. It is always a good idea to bring something with you to pass the time as waits can sometimes feel long.

Third, once you know you have been accepted into Florida School of the Arts, complete the online application to St Johns River State College where you will take the college-level academics required for your Associates degree. This application is available at www.sjrstate.edu. It requires a $30.00 non-refundable fee. If your audition or portfolio review for Florida School of the Arts is successful, SJRState will need your final, official high school transcripts, transcripts from any college work you’ve completed, if applicable, test scores for placement in academic courses, and proof of Florida residency for applicants qualified to pay in-state tuition rates.

What are the audition and portfolio review requirements?
You must be a high school junior, senior, or graduate to audition or portfolio review. If you are accepted as a high school junior your place will be held until after your high school graduation. Each artistic discipline has its own requirements. See the Audition or Portfolio Checklist document from either the Visual or Performing Arts links on the homepage for information specific to the acceptance review for the discipline you are interested in.

Where is Florida School of the Arts?
We are located in northeast Florida in the city of Palatka which is situated on the scenic St. Johns River, providing miles of stirring land and waterscapes and a plethora of species of birds and wildlife. Palatka is a quiet, safe and nurturing place to test your creative wings. It is also at the nexus of Gainesville, Jacksonville, and St Augustine, allowing students the benefits those destinations have to offer.

Here is a sample of area arts venues:
Alexander Brest Museum
Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre
The Azalea Festival
Brown Museum
Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
Florida Museum of Natural History
The Florida Theatre
Harn Museum of Art
Jacksonville Film Festival
Jacksonville Maritime Museum
Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum
Lightner Museum
The Limelight Theatre
Museum of Science & History
Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville
Orange Park Community Theatre
Players By The Sea
Ponte Vedra Concert Hall
St Augustine Amphitheatre
Terry Concert Hall at Jacksonville University
The Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts
Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
How are Florida School of the Arts and St Johns River State College connected, and accredited?
Florida School of the Arts, Florida's only two-year professional art school, is a special part of St Johns River State College. We are located on the Palatka campus of SJRState, and we are administered by a dean, under the general supervision of the St Johns River State College District Board of Trustees and the College president. We are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

What are my degree options at the Florida School of the Arts?
All Florida School of the Arts students are pursuing the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in the artistic discipline of their choice. The A.S. degree is designed to give students the needed foundational skills and specialized techniques that will facilitate success whether they plan to seek employment after graduation or go on to pursue a BFA degree at a four-year institution.

While the A.S. degree is their primary focus, Florida School of the Arts students also have the option of earning the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree from St Johns River State College. Students on this A.S. + A.A. track are getting both the artistic training geared to launching them successfully into the flourishing creative economy and the academic education signified by the A.A. degree which is recognized statewide and denotes successful completion of all the general education core courses required for articulation within the Florida State University System.

How much is tuition at Florida School of the Arts?
For the 2016-2017 academic year, tuition at Florida School of the Arts, like that of St Johns River State College, is $108.00 per credit hour for Florida residents, and $388.94 per credit hour for non-residents. A “full-time student” is registered for 12 or more semester hours of college credit, college preparatory credit, or any combination of college and college preparatory credit during the fall and spring terms, or six semester hours of credit during a summer term.

With over forty years of experience in arts education Florida School of the Arts has a track record of helping its students succeed at the next level or find a place in the creative workforce of the day. See what Florida School of the Arts can do to help you create your future.