

THE
Charles Gray
AWARD

In recognition of Excellence in Arts Education

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DESCRIPTION

The Charles Gray Award is a Pittsburgh CLO Arts Education recognition awarded annually to an elementary, middle, or secondary school in Allegheny County that has demonstrated an enduring commitment to providing, preserving and developing quality arts education for all students as part of the required curriculum.

PURPOSE

- To recognize and encourage schools that demonstrate an enduring commitment to quality arts education for all students as part of the required curriculum.
- To recognize and honor the legacy of Charles Gray, former Executive Producer of the Pittsburgh CLO and advocate for musical theater and arts education.

RECOGNITION

The winning school will receive:

- \$3,000 cash prize to be applied towards the arts programming in their school
- Special award to be displayed in the school
- 2027 Gallery of Heroes production performed in their school

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2026 APPLICATION

(Also available online: www.pittsburghclo.org/education/charles-gray-award)

PART I

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

School E-Mail: _____

Principal Name: _____

Principal Phone: _____

Principal E-Mail: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact E-Mail: _____

PART II

Please *check all that apply* to your Arts Education program:

- Conducted during regular school hours
- Required for all students
- Written, articulated, and sequential curriculum
- Taught by a certified arts educator
- Supplemented and reinforced by guest artists
- Partner with one or more arts organizations; please identify:

Number of students served in your Arts Education program: _____

Total number of students enrolled in your school: _____

In 500 words or fewer, please describe how your arts education program demonstrates an enduring commitment to quality arts education for all students as a required part of the curriculum and how your school would utilize the cash prize to further benefit the program.

Please DO NOT name your school, community, individual teachers or administrators, or any other identifying characteristics in your essay. This is an anonymous selection process; the judges are not aware of which school essay they are reviewing. This essay is the only means by which the committee members will judge your application; it should be concise and well written.

Please type or print legibly. Mail both Part I and Part II, along with your essay to:

Brady Patsy
Community Engagement Manager
CLO Academy of Musical Theater
130 CLO Academy Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Or submit online: www.pittsburghclo.org/education/charles-gray-award

All materials must be postmarked or submitted online by April 10, 2026.