



**GREEN THEME!**  
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*...a showcase of our McHenry County youth, their thoughts and talents.*  
**July 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

## Participant Application

FOCUS 2012 strives to promote emotional, intellectual and intuitive development in each child through the encouragement of artistic expression. This community event celebrates the arts in our youth and encourages them to reflect on an annual theme. The event highlights the performing arts, fashion design and visual arts. Participants must be ages 18 and under.

### Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender : M / F \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed (as of June 1, 2012): \_\_\_\_\_ Shoe Size \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing Size \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one of the following Showcase Categories:  Performing Arts  Fashion Design  Visual Arts  Check if applying for more than one FOCUS act or category

### Terms and Conditions

**Use of Space:** All participants agree to hold Raue Center harmless and to treat Raue Center property with respect. Raue Center staff reserves the right to expel any participant at its discretion.

**Chaperones:** Raue Center chaperones will accompany all participants backstage. The parent/guardian will need to “check-in” and “check-out” their participant.

**Profanity Clause:** Due to the nature of the show, profanity and poor behavior will not be tolerated. Raue Center defines profanity as the following: word, expression, gesture or other social behavior that is socially constructed or interpreted as insulting, rude or vulgar or is generally disrespectful. Raue Center will not tolerate cursing, derogatory language or inappropriate gestures or clothing. Raue Center reserves the right to expel any individual or act at its discretion.

**Field Trips:** Participants will go on “field-trips” in downtown Crystal Lake to assist with the creative process for the fashion camp during the week of June 11-15. By signing this agreement you allow your child to participate in these outings.

**Photo/Video Release:** Due to the public nature of FOCUS all photos and video taken during the event or rehearsals may be used by Raue Center in marketing materials which may in turn be used for fundraising, advertising and /or publicity purposes.

**Liability:** Raue Center is not liable for any injuries sustained or damage to personal property of any acts.

Applicant’s Signature of Acceptance of Terms and Conditions \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature of Acceptance of Terms and Conditions \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### Additional Instructions: Fashion Design

- You must bring with you to the Project Raueway Workshop on April 8 the following items:
  1. Completed application
  2. Letter of recommendation from a family member, arts instructor, etc., attesting to your sewing ability
  3. Drawing medium (i.e. colored pencils, etc.)
- List three examples of garments you have created:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Information:

**Judging Criteria:** Please know that the judging criteria will include level of difficulty, independent execution, creativity, coordination of materials, garment fit and the representation of the business and theme.

**Workshop Rules:** Snacks and drinks may be brought to all workshop events. Parents/Guardians are NOT allowed to assist their children in the creation of the Project Raue-way garment.

### Additional Instructions: Performing Arts

- You must submit the following by July 6, 2012:
  1. Completed application with applicant and guardian signature.
  2. Audio (CD) or Video (DVD) recording of performance (required). The audio/video recording MUST be the applicant performing and be the act that will be performed if selected. If unable to provide a recording, you will be required to attend an audition. You will not get the CD or DVD back.
- List performance needs with area of performance (i.e. Dance— CD player; Solo—piano \_\_\_\_\_)

#### Additional Information:

**Stand Alone Act:** Due to the nature of FOCUS, all acts must be considered stand-alone, meaning no tech support other than basic lighting and sound will be provided. If the act requires a karaoke-style accompaniment CD, the CD must be submitted no later than July 13. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate more than 12 people on the stage at a time. A piano will be provided, but acts will have to provide their own accompanist.

**Time Constraint:** Performers have four minutes to set up, perform and strike beginning when the performer steps on stage.

**Judging Criteria:** Please know the judging criteria for each age group will include stage presence, choreography, craft/technique within each art form, showmanship and representation of theme. Age groups are as follows: Elementary (5th and under); Middle (6th-8th); and high school based on the grade completed.

### Additional Instructions: Visual Arts

- You must submit the following by June 29, 2012:
  1. Completed application with applicant and guardian signature
  2. CD with image saved as a jpeg or a printed out picture of the work with the application. You will not get the CD or picture back. The image MUST be the same image that will be presented if selected to display.
- You must be available to install and remove your work as well as attend a reception AND the performance on the night chosen. You will receive 2 comp tickets for the night of the performance. Additional tickets must be purchased.

#### Additional Information:

**Judging Criteria:** Please know that the judging criteria for each age group will include composition, technique of medium/art form, use of artistic elements, implementation of theme, originality and degree of difficulty. Age groups are as follows: Elementary (5th and under); Middle (6th-8th); and high school based on the grade completed.

### Important Information— ALL

All category applicants will be notified within two weeks of the application deadline if they have been chosen as a finalist. Night-of rewards will be a little different from years past. Each participant will receive a scholarship stipend on the nights they are scheduled to perform. This is a showcase of talents rather than a competition.