



Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp receives FY 2012 scholarship grants from Michigan foundations

Blue Lake has received generous assistance in its effort to provide scholarships for the 2012 season to talented students with financial need from Newaygo, Jackson, Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. This assistance has been provided by the Fremont Area Community Foundation, the Weatherwax Foundation, and the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation.

The Fremont Area Community Foundation has provided up to \$10,000 for financial need scholarships for Newaygo County children. The Foundation, whose stated mission is to “improve the quality of life for the people of Newaygo County,” was created in 1951 as the Fremont Foundation. In 1971, it became a public community foundation. The Fremont Area Community Foundation has supported Blue Lake’s scholarship program annually since 2004.

Blue Lake campers with financial need from Jackson County may be eligible for support through a grant of \$3,830 from the Weatherwax Foundation. Based in Jackson, Michigan, the Weatherwax Foundation was the result of the philanthropic work of Kenneth Weatherwax and his son, Peter. The Foundation, whose history of support for Blue Lake dates to 2007, concentrates its efforts in the areas of “education, social agencies, and institutions supporting the arts.”

During the 2012 season, the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation will provide scholarship funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Blue Lake campers with financial need residing in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The DeRoy Testamentary Foundation is the successor to a foundation begun by Helen DeRoy. Mrs. DeRoy’s husband, Aaron, was an important figure in the automotive industry in the pre-World War II era. The current foundation continues her work with “programs that improve the quality of life. . . primarily in the greater metro Detroit area.” The DeRoy Testamentary Foundation has partnered with Blue Lake since 2006 in assisting children from this area to attend camp.

Students from these five counties accounted for 32% of Blue Lake’s campers in during the 2011 season. Despite the traditionally strong enrollment from these areas, the slow progress of the economic recovery means that financial need scholarships will continue to make the experience of attending Blue Lake possible for many students who would not otherwise be able to participate. Blue Lake is grateful for the foundations, corporations, and countless individuals who contribute to its Scholarship Program.

For information on financial assistance scholarships at Blue Lake, please call our Scholarship Office at 800-221-3796. Information on all of Blue Lake’s 2012 programs can be found at www.bluelake.org.