

## Fine Arts Goals and Strategies

**Goal 1:** Acquaint students with the ministry of Fine Arts and the opportunity to discover, develop and deploy their ministry gifts.

**Strategy:**

- Show a past Celebration Service Video ([www.agtv.ag.org/events](http://www.agtv.ag.org/events)).
- Attend a district or national festival to see students displaying their gifts.
- Have students who have been involved in Fine Arts share their experiences.

**Goal 2:** Help students **discover** their gifts.

**Strategy:**

- Speak a sermon and/or series on gifts/talents.
- Encourage students to attempt new things in ministry.
- Help them find their gifts and create opportunities for them to try new categories/talents in ministry settings.

**Goal 3:** Help students **develop** their gifts and begin using Fine Arts to develop discipline.

**Strategy:**

- Encourage the students to hone skills in two or three Fine Arts categories in which they show a combination of both interest and ability.
- Implement disciplined rehearsals until the event.
- Have students make their presentation at a district festival.

**Goal 4:** Help students **deploy** their gifts.

**Strategy:**

- Connect students and their gifts with weekly ministry opportunities in the church or youth group. Encourage them to take the gifts in which they excel and use them in their school and community as outreach.
- For some ideas on getting students to deploy their gifts go to [www.faf.ag.org](http://www.faf.ag.org) and link to 99 Ways to Help Your Students Deploy Their Gifts.

## Organizational Calendar

### August – September

- Visit [www.faf.ag.org](http://www.faf.ag.org) for updates, information and the new *Official Rulebook*.
- Host a Fine Arts informational meeting with students and parents.
- Discuss new **national youth ministries theme** and how it can be incorporated into presentations.
- Place district/national registration deadlines on your calendar.
- Begin to gather information about your district Festival.
- Begin to gather information about the national Festival.
- Put together the budget for district/national festivals.
- Begin brainstorming fundraising ideas with students and parents.

### October

- Reserve housing for the National Fine Arts Festival at [www.faf.ag.org/registration.cfm](http://www.faf.ag.org/registration.cfm).
- Begin researching travel arrangements for the national Festival.
- Finalize budgets for district and national Festivals.

#### **5 Months before district Festival**

- Make a list of all interested students (get all contact information!).
- Begin making presentation selections (music, scripts, etc.).
- Create a list of adults willing to coach, edit, or otherwise assist student with their presentations, and connect them with students.

#### **4 Months before district Festival**

- Finalize your list of all interested students (get all contact information!).
- Finalize presentation selections (music, scripts, etc.)
- Place group rehearsals on the calendar.
- Place fundraising events on the calendar.
- Place informational meetings on the calendar.

#### **3 Months before district Festival**

- Connect students with church and area professionals, ministers and teachers.
- Begin having students present their entries in worship, youth services and school events.
- Secure chaperones.

#### **2 Months before district Festival**

- Have students present their entries for outreaches in the community. Possibly combine this with a fundraising effort.
- Finalize all paperwork and collect all student fees for the district Festival.
- Finalize all housing and transportation.
- Host an informational meeting for the parents with final details for the district Festival and potential national Festival participation.

#### **1 Month before district Festival**

- Host a “Night of the Arts” where area professionals, ministers and teachers evaluate students.
- Set up times for these evaluators to work one-on-one with the students.

#### **Within 1 month after district Festival (well before the final registration deadline)**

- Gather all national Festival paperwork and registration fees and mail to 1445 N. Boonville Ave. Springfield, MO 65802 or register online at [www.faf.ag.org/registration.cfm](http://www.faf.ag.org/registration.cfm).

#### **Between district Festival and national Festival**

- Celebrate student achievements publicly.
- Have students give additional presentations during church services.
- Finalize all fundraising activities.
- Finalize travel and housing arrangements.

- Secure chaperones and any additional personnel.
- Host an informational meeting with parents and students with the above details.
- Practice, practice, practice! Ensure students get plenty of practice and performance time within the church. Make sure they are using the comments they received at districts to enhance their presentations.
- Host another “Night of the Arts” where students are evaluated again.
- Get on the bus, plane or other form of transportation. You’re on your way to the National Fine Arts Festival!

### **Fund-Raising Ideas**

- Dinner Theatre/Night of the Arts Program
- Community Outreach
- Silent Auction
- Bake Sale
- Donations
- Car Wash
- Sponsorships
- Craft Show
- Sports Tournaments/Marathons
- Art Auction
- Car Show
- Garage Sale
- Valet Parking
- Coat/Stroller Check
- Work Day
- Concession Stands
- Breakfasts, Lunches, and Dinners
- Holidays (Flowers for Valentines, Mother’s Day, etc.)
- Ice Cream Social
- Care Packages
- Receptions with local artists
- Childcare
- Offer workshops or seminars to the church and community
- Coupon Books
- Local business partnerships
- Scholarship fund