What is the Art Wheels Program?
Art Wheels started in 2011 as a three-year program funded by BP to help offset school transportation costs for field trips to Cedarhurst. Highly successful, Cedarhurst knew there would be need to continue the program beyond three years. Thanks to Durham School Services in Mt. Vernon, Art Wheels will continue during the 2019-2020 school year. The goal is to help more than 1,000 students visit the region’s premier arts and cultural institution for an unforgettable Cedarhurst experience.

Who is eligible to apply?
Any public or private school, pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, that uses buses to transport children to Cedarhurst for educational field trips may apply. (See application guidelines for complete details.)

How much funding is my school eligible for?
Funding is based on mileage expenses and determined by a school’s distance from Cedarhurst.

- Schools within five (5) miles of Cedarhurst will receive $25 grants.
- Schools between five (5) and twenty-five (25) miles will receive $50 grants.
- Schools between twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) miles will receive $85 grants.
- Schools between fifty (50) and seventy-five (75) miles will receive $125 grants.
- Schools outside seventy-five (75) miles will receive $175 grants.

Cedarhurst will issue a check after the school’s visit and upon receipt of all required documents.

What programs are eligible for funding?
Any educational program at Cedarhurst is eligible for funding through the Art Wheels program.

Can a school apply for more than one grant?
No. A school is only eligible for one grant per school year.

How is funding determined?
Grants are awarded on a first-requested, first-funded basis. Any school who meets the criteria can submit applications by mail to Cedarhurst, Art Wheels, P.O. Box 923, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864; by fax to 618.242.9530; or by e-mail to vonda@cedarhurst.org. Applications can be found on the Cedarhurst Website, www.cedarhurst.org or can be requested by calling 242.1236 Ext. 225.

* NOTE: Any cancellations made by the school after funding has been approved will rule the institution ineligible for funding the following year. *