



# Scholar·Artist Awards

## LONG ISLAND ARTS ALLIANCE

Dear Arts Educator:

The Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA) and Newsday invite you to nominate applicants for the 2019-2020 Scholar-Artist Awards. You may nominate up to five of your current juniors - one each in Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater and Visual Arts. Students are chosen by a selection committee that includes arts educators and professionals in their respective fields, and will be recognized during their senior year.

The requirements for nomination in each category are found at [www.LongIslandArtsAlliance.org](http://www.LongIslandArtsAlliance.org).

The Scholar-Artist program honors up to 40 Long Island high school seniors who demonstrate excellence in their overall high school career, as well as in their arts specialty, at the annual Scholar-Artist Gala at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts.

Those who meet all criteria are selected for one of two awards. The award for the top 20 students is the *Scholar-Artist* designation. This prestigious award carries with it the highest possible level of media attention for students and for their district arts programs. The second honor for up to 20 students is the *Award of Merit*. Applicants must:

1. Be nominated by their high school; with applications submitted by a **district administrator**.
2. Be graduating seniors from the Class of 2020.
3. Represent the highest level of artist excellence.
4. Demonstrate superior academic achievement with an un-weighted grade point average of 90 or above.
5. Submit a portfolio of their work and an essay.
  - a. Student essays should describe ways in which their involvement in the arts has enriched their lives.
  - b. The requirements for the portfolio are listed on the LIAA website.

A Thumb Drive with the following items postmarked by June 1, 2019 are to be mailed to me at 30 Swezey Lane, Middle Island, NY 11953:

1. Application found at [www.LongIslandArtsAlliance.org](http://www.LongIslandArtsAlliance.org)
2. Video of Performance or Portfolio of Art Work

Awards for *Scholar-Artists* and *Awards of Merit* will be presented at the Scholar-Artist Gala at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts in Spring, 2020. Individual awards are as follows:

### **Scholar-Artists:**

Photos and profiles of two Scholar-Artists (one each from Nassau and Suffolk counties) will appear each month in Newsday and at Newsday.com. At the spring-time Gala, students receive a \$250 honorarium and a framed copy of their profile. School districts also receive a copy for prominent display.

### **Award of Merit:**

Students are listed in Newsday and on Newsday.com. Students receive an award and a certificate.

**ENVELOPE MUST CLEARLY DENOTE THE ARTS AREA FOR WHICH STUDENT IS APPLYING**

An OFFICIAL transcript that includes grades from the Freshman, Sophomore and first half of Junior year must be included in this application.

Sincerely yours,



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