



Scholar·Artist Awards

LONG ISLAND ARTS ALLIANCE

Dear Student:

The *Long Island Scholar-Artist* program, sponsored by the Long Island Arts Alliance, honors up to 40 Long Island high school seniors from Nassau and Suffolk Counties in the fields of Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater and Visual Arts who are exceptionally accomplished in their field and hold an un-weighted GPA of 90 or above. Each high school on Long Island can nominate one eleventh grade student in each of the arts disciplines. Finalists will be recognized in their senior year.

You've been identified by your district as a prospective applicant because of your artistic talent and exceptional scholarship. You are thus invited to apply for the honor. **All applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2019.**

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*. The applicant must:

1. Be nominated by their high school; with applications submitted by a **district administrator**.
2. Be a graduating senior 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.

Please work with your teacher to obtain a Thumb Drive with the following items mailed to me at 30 Swezey Lane, Middle Island, NY 11953 and postmarked by June 1st:

1. Application found at 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 on Newsday and 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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