



Dear Arts Educator:

The *Long Island Scholar-Artist* program, sponsored by the Long Island Arts Alliance and Newsday, invites you to nominate applicants for the 2020-2021 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 must be exceptionally accomplished in their discipline and hold an unweighted GPA of 90 or above. 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.

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 15, 2020.**

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:

To be considered, the applicant must:

1. Be nominated by their high school
2. Be a graduating senior from the Class of 2021.
3. Represent the highest level of artist excellence.
4. Demonstrate superior academic achievement with an unweighted GPA of 90 or above.

To apply:

1. Complete the Scholar Artist Application (found here)
2. A video of a performance or a portfolio of your work (depending on your discipline)
3. An essay that describes the ways in which their involvement in the arts has enriched their lives
4. An official transcript that includes grades from your freshman, sophomore, and first half of your junior year.
5. Include all the aforementioned materials on a thumbdrive and provide to your teacher or school administrator to be submitted.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 15th, 2020 AND SENT BY A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OR TEACHER**

We look forward to seeing your nominated students! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

John J. Gallagher, Ed.D.  
Scholar Artist Awards Chairperson