



Dear Student:

The *Long Island Scholar-Artist* program, sponsored by the Long Island Arts Alliance and Newsday, 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 discipline and hold an unweighted GPA of 90 or above. Each high school on Long Island can nominate one 11th 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 15, 2020.**

Those who meet all criteria are selected for one of two awards. The top 20 students will be designated as the 2020-2021 class of *Scholar-Artists*. This prestigious award carries with it the highest possible level of media attention for students and for their district arts programs including a prominent photo and profile in Newsday and on Newsday.com, a framed copy of the published profile, and a \$250 honorarium. The second honor for up to 20 students is the *Award of Merit* who are also featured as a group in Newsday and on Newsday.com, and are presented with an award and a certificate at the spring gala event.

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

Congratulations on your nomination, and we look forward to seeing your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John J. Gallagher', is positioned above the typed name.

John J. Gallagher, Ed.D.

Scholar Artist Awards Chairperson