

LONG ISLAND'S SCHOLAR ARTIST DANCE (Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap and World Dance Forms*)

Selection Process

The selection process for the Long Island Scholar Artist Award in Dance will be conducted by a panel comprised of artist educators from Nassau and Suffolk County. These panelists will review each participant's audition submission, labeled the student's name and high school. The decisions of the panel will be based on standards of excellence for the discipline of dance. Participants will not be judged against each other, only against a standard of excellence for this age group.

The evaluations of dance participants will be based on four sets of criteria:

- **Technique** - the skill to execute the demands of the discipline's technique and choreography with advanced proficiency and virtuosity.
- **Performance** - the demonstration of stage presence and discipline specific behaviors and traditions.
- **Musicality and Phrasing** - the ability to physically express the rhythm, melody, nuance and character of the music through the choreography.
- **Artistry** - the creativity and sincerity of the performance.

Application Requirements

Participants are required to submit a videotaped audition that must include the following – in this order:

- 2 minutes maximum of technique
- 2 minutes maximum of solo piece

The presentation of technique and the prepared solo should display the full range of the participant's abilities. Video must include movements-in-place with the camera framing the entire body, as well as movement through space, demonstrating advanced skill.

Audition Apparel:

Girls: leotard, tights, footwear related to style of dance, hair up, no jewelry

Boys: dance pants and shirt, footwear related to style of dance, no jewelry

Please no costumes of any kind. Students performing world dances forms can wear related apparel if it is necessary to the choreography and not a performance costume.

**World Dance Forms may include dances from the performing arts of any cultures of the world. Examples include, but are not limited to: Hip Hop as well as dances of Africa, Asia, Native America, Latin America, Spain, Ireland, the Caribbean, etc.*

REQUIREMENTS FOR DANCE AUDITION

Participants are required to submit a videotaped audition that must include the following – in this order:

2 minutes maximum of technique

| DO (required) | DO NOT (can be disqualified) |
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| 1. Submit a NEW DVD. | 1. Do not submit a mini-DV, mini-cassette, VHS or VCD. |
| 2. Announce your audition by stating your name and the name of your high school. You must also include the name of the variation or title of the piece, choreographer, and composer. | 2. Do not make any other comments other than your name and the name of your school. |
| 3. Use a fixed point of view for your camera. Shoot straight on, leaving the camera in one location. | 3. Do not pan, move the camera or follow the dancer. |
| 4. Record your audition in a clearly defined interior space. | 4. Do not record your video outside. |
| 5. Cuts between technique segments are acceptable. | 5. Do not edit within the solo. Do not use special effects, dissolves, fades or wipes. |
| 6. Submit your audition materials according to the official mailing requirements. | 6. Do not send in pre-recorded live performances, such as recitals or concerts. |

2 minutes maximum of solo piece

Recommendations

- Test your recordings before submitting for judging. Test your DVD on a standard DVD player. DVDs that cannot be played will be disqualified.
- The camera should be placed sufficiently close to the performer so that positioning and movement of all parts of the body are clearly visible. A brief full-face shot, half-body shot and full-body shot may be included at the end of the video.
- Make sure the sound and picture are both of good quality. The backdrop should be neutral and free of creases and breaks.

NOTE: Please note that audition recordings that are not submitted according to the format rules listed above will be disqualified. All submissions will become the property of the Long Island Scholar Artist Scholarship Committee and will not be returned to the applicant.