



Dear Student:

The Long Island Scholar-Artist program, organized by 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 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.

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 of Scholar Artist!

Those who meet all criteria are selected for one of two awards. The award for the top 20 students is the Scholar-Artist designation, and the remaining 20 students receive an Award of Merit:

Scholar-Artists: Photos and profiles of two Scholar-Artists will appear each month in Newsday and at Newsday.com. Scholar Artists receive a \$250 honorarium and a framed copy of their Newsday profile. School districts also receive a framed copy for display.

Award of Merit: Students are listed on Newsday and Newsday.com. Students receive an award and a certificate.

The Applicant must:

1. Be nominated by their high school; with applications submitted by a district administrator.
2. Be graduating seniors from the Class of 2022.
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.

The requirements for nominations in each discipline as well as all application materials can be found at <https://longislandartsalliance.org/scholar-artist-awards/guidelines-and-application>

Please work with your teacher to put together a thumb drive with the completed application materials as well as either a video of performance or a portfolio of work. Applications are to be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2021 and the envelope must state the arts area for which you are applying.**

Congratulations! We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely yours,

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