



Dear Arts Educator,

The Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA) and Newsday invite you to nominate applicants for the 2021-2022 Scholar-Artist Awards Program. You may nominate up to five of your current juniors - one each in categories of Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater and Visual Arts. The Scholar-Artist program honors up to 40 Long Island high school seniors who demonstrate excellence in their overall high school career, as well as in their arts specialty.

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. 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.

**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 copy for prominent display.

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

**Applicants 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>

A thumb drive with the completed application materials as well as either a video of performance or a portfolio of work is to be mailed to no later than **June 1, 2021 and the envelope must clearly state the arts area for which the student is applying.**

In a school year that has been so difficult for the students, we look forward to honoring their dedication and contributions to the arts through this program.

Sincerely yours,

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