



2023 WFAA HELEN WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 29, 2024 - midnight

***This application must be completed and submitted in one sitting.
There is NO save function – you will NOT be able to come back to it later.***

ELIGIBILITY – You must reside in McHenry County

Up to seven \$2000 scholarships will be awarded to current graduating High School seniors who reside in McHenry County in recognition of their abilities and contributions to the fine arts. The award will be based on demonstrated ability in the arts and completed application requirements.

TALENT SHOWCASE AT WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE – Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Scholarship recipients must be available to perform in the Annual Woodstock Fine Arts Association Talent Showcase, scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Woodstock Opera House.

Scholarship recipients will present one submission at the Talent Showcase on Thursday, April 18, 2024 that will be selected by the WFAA Scholarship Committee from your application submissions.

#1 - GATHER YOUR MATERIALS – APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29, 2024 at midnight
Scholarship Award Winners will be notified on or before Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Applications and all documents, detailed in this checklist, must be received on or before the APPLICATION DEADLINE of Tuesday, February 29, 2024 at midnight.

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No partially completed, scanned or altered applications will be accepted.

#2 - CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY OF ART

Please choose only one category and only one application per student will be accepted.

Performing Arts: Voice

Performing Arts: Dance

Performing Arts: Instrumental (solo piece, not ensemble)

Performing Arts: Acting

Performing Arts: Musical Theater

Visual Arts: Fine Arts / Graphic Arts

Visual Arts: Theatrical Costume / Set Design

Creative Writing

#3 – PREPARE DOCUMENTATION – VIDEO LINKS / POWERPOINTS / .PDFs

Performing Arts Categories (see above)

- Please submit TWO PERFORMANCE QUALITY video links – suggested length 3-5 minutes.
- Actors should include one monologue.

Visual Arts Categories (see above) – Please add to ABOUT ME .pdf

- Artist Statement: Describe your medium, process and inspiration for the series or each piece.
- Submit a Powerpoint with Artist Statement (first slide) and SIX images documenting your best work (one slide for each piece).
- Theatrical Costume / Set Design: Please describe your contribution to the production.

Creative Writing Category

- Please submit THREE writing samples.

#4 - MORE INFORMATION ABOUT VIDEO LINKS

- Please upload your samples to a sharing service (e.g., YouTube, Dropbox, Google Drive) that allows you to create a public link. Paste the links into the application form.
- Please remember to test your links and ensure the links you provide are functioning **EVEN WHEN YOU ARE LOGGED OUT OF THE SHARING SERVICES.**
- Please do not submit links that are locked and require a password.

#5 – ASK FOR THE FOLLOWING

TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- One letter of recommendation needs to be from a school counselor or instructor
- One from an individual who is familiar with your involvement in the arts.
- Neither letter of recommendation can be from someone to whom you are related.
- These letters are required to be on letterhead and emailed by the author to scholarship@woodstockfinearts.org with the applicant's name in subject line.

TRANSCRIPT

- Transcripts must be submitted via email by your counselor or school administration to: scholarship@woodstockfinearts.org. Please put applicant's name in subject line.

#6 – ABOUT ME

Please email a .pdf (with your name in subject line) with the following information to scholarship@woodstockfinearts.org

- **ESSAY (Required)** - 500 words maximum. Please describe how you will use your talent and interest in the arts in your future and discuss accomplishments of which you are proud. Your essay should reflect your personal effort and intellectual perspective.
- **LIST OF COLLEGES THAT ACCEPTED ME and INTENDED MAJOR (Required)**
- **PERFORMING ARTS (Required for all applicable Performing Arts categories)**
Please list (*where applicable*)
 - Title of Work you are performing
 - Composer, Playwright or Author of original work
 - Indicate if your performance is an original work by yourself
 - Identify yourself in the Theater production
- **VISUAL ARTS (Required for Fine Arts / Graphic Arts)**
 - Artist Statement: Describe your medium, process and inspiration for the series or each piece. (Alternative – insert your Artist Statement as slide 1 of your Powerpoint)

#7 – FILL OUT THE APPLICATION (remember you must complete in one sitting)

- Student Name / Cell Phone / Personal Email
- Street Address / City, State, Zip
- Check Yes or No: I live in McHenry County
- Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name / Phone Numbers – cell and landline / Email
- Name of High School
- School Counselor Name / Email

- Ask TWO people for Letters of Recommendation (see above) (Step #5)
- Ask your school Administrator to email your Transcript (Step #5)

Category of Art / Documentation Samples / ABOUT ME

- See above for Categories and Documentation / Link Instructions (Step #3 and #4)
- ABOUT ME Questions (Step #6)
- Please answer the question: How did you hear about the WFAA Scholarship?

Upload Documentation Links (Video, Powerpoint or .PDF)

- Link #1
- Link #2

Photo and Video Release

- Signed by Student or Parent (if student is under 18 years of age)
- ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN WAIVER (if under 18, your parent must sign) which gives WFAA permission to use photography / video / submitted work in print and online publications, presentations, websites or social media. No royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable by reason of such use.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Thursday, April 18, 2024

Talent Showcase at the Woodstock Opera House

QUESTIONS?

Contact Melanie Feerst at melaniefeerst@gmail.com or call 847.894.3589