

James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarship Competition

2010 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarship Competition is designed to encourage artistic achievement and promote study in the arts by local high school students.

1. The competition is open to high school students, grades 9-12, who reside in, or attend school in, the Small District 1A of the Dranesville Tax District. Information regarding boundaries for the McLean Center District is available by calling (703) 790-0123. Students must be enrolled in and attending high school on a full-time basis to be eligible for the competition.
2. The Competition awards scholarship prizes to the first, second and third place winning finalists in each of the following categories: **Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts**. Finalists will be required to show proof of age and residence or school affiliation before they can proceed to the final stage of competition. Finalists must be present and prepared to perform at the final competition to be eligible for an award.
3. A \$1200 scholarship is awarded to the first place winner in each category. The second place winner in each category is awarded \$800 and the third place winner in each category is awarded \$400.
4. Professional artists in each of the four arts disciplines act as judges for the competition. The judges make a preliminary decision on the three finalists for each category and, at the time of the final competition, choose a first, second, and third place winner for each. If, at the time of the preliminary round, the judges determine that three finalists of superior artistic ability cannot be identified within a particular category, they reserve the right to limit the number of awards made in that category or to make no awards in that category. All decisions of the judges are final.
5. Students may compete in more than one category, but separate application forms must be completed for each. There is a \$15 application fee for each entry. (checks only made out to MCC – no cash or charges)
6. Preliminary audition time allotted to each applicant shall not exceed the maximum indicated for each category, except at the request of the judges. See category information sheet for details and scheduled times of preliminary rounds.
7. All preliminary auditions are closed to teachers, families and the public.
8. **The final round of the competition is Tuesday May 18, 2010.** If you are selected as a finalist, dance, theatre and music finalists must be able to perform and visual art finalists to present art works at the final competition in order to be eligible for any scholarship award money. Unless otherwise instructed, students must perform or submit the same piece(s) from the preliminary audition/round at the final competition.

Application deadline is March 26, 2010

Forms available at www.mcleancenter.org

For further information contact Kathy Herr at
Kathleen.Herr@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-790-0123

Mail or bring completed application and fee to:

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Avenue

McLean, Virginia 22101

Attn: Macdonald Competition

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2010 PRELIMINARY ROUND INFORMATION

DANCE

- ❖ **The preliminary round will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 6:00pm–9:00pm at the McLean Community Center.**
- ❖ Please **read** all the information on the **Application Guidelines**.
- ❖ Selections must be solo pieces. You will only be required to perform one selection. You may perform two if desired, but audition time may not exceed ten (10) minutes in length.
- ❖ Music must be on a tape or CD. A tape/CD player and operator will be provided for you.
- ❖ It is not required, but recommended that you dress in appropriate dance wear.

MUSIC

- ❖ **The preliminary round will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010 from 4:00pm – 9:00pm at the McLean Community Center.**
- ❖ Please **read** all the information on the **Application Guidelines**.
- ❖ You will only be required to perform one selection. You may perform two pieces, but audition time may not exceed ten (10) minutes.
- ❖ Students may enter in instrument or voice.
- ❖ Please bring three (3) photo copies of your music to the audition for the judges.
- ❖ If an accompanist is needed, you must provide one.

THEATRE

- ❖ **The preliminary round will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the McLean Community Center.**
- ❖ Please **read** all the information on the **Application Guidelines**.
- ❖ You will be required to perform two selections. Both must be memorized. The length of the combined selections should be between 8-10 minutes.
- ❖ Selections must be from published or original works written for live theatre performance and should be chosen with contrast and diversity in mind.
- ❖ A minimum number of props and costume pieces can be used. Chair(s) available if needed.
- ❖ Please bring three (3) photo copies of your scenes to the audition for the judges.

VISUAL ARTS

- ❖ **All art work must be brought to the McLean Community Center on Thursday, April 29, 2010 between 7:00pm - 9:00pm.**
- ❖ Do not submit art work with your application form.
- ❖ Please **read** all the information on the **Application Guidelines**.
- ❖ Applicants must submit three (3) works. Any work or combination of media will be accepted (painting, drawing, prints, graphics, sculpture, photography, etc.) Works submitted should represent a variety of approaches to artistic media.
- ❖ All art work should be mounted or framed.
- ❖ Art work must be picked up between 2:00pm - 5:00pm on Friday April 30th.

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2010 APPLICATION FORM

Check category:

_____ DANCE _____ MUSIC _____ THEATRE _____ VISUAL ARTS

Name _____
Last First

Home Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Please list information regarding the specific category for the past 5 years:

Classes or Individual Lessons:

What	Where	Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Performance Experience: (for Music, Dance and Theatre) or Displays/Shows: (for Visual Arts)

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I have read and understand the Macdonald Competition **Application Guidelines** and **Preliminary Round Information** and by signing below I agree to abide by those guidelines and information.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____