

# James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Competition

## Frequently Asked Questions

❖ **I'm only a freshman. Can I apply?**

Yes, the competition is open to all high school students in grades 9-12 who live in or go to school in the McLean Community Center Tax District. Information regarding boundaries for the McLean Community Center district is available by calling (703) 790-0123 or by visiting: <http://mcleancenter.org/about/district>.

❖ **Do I have to use the money toward college or lessons?**

No, the award money does not have to be used toward your studies. It is yours to use as you like.

❖ **If I win in a category, what do I need to claim any prize money?**

Winning students must submit a W-9 and possess a valid U.S. Social Security Card in their name.

❖ **I've placed in the competition before. Can I enter again?**

Yes, you can enter and be a finalist every year that you are in high school.

❖ **Can I enter in more than one category?**

Yes, you can enter in all four categories if you wish. A separate entry form and \$20 fee is required for each category.

❖ **What is the deadline for sending in my application?**

Friday, January 25, 2019.

❖ **When do I need to decide what I am performing or submitting?**

You do not need to indicate what you are performing or submitting until the day of the preliminary round(s). Students must perform the same pieces from the preliminary round at the final competition.

❖ **Is there an entrance fee?**

There is a \$20 entrance fee for each category in which you wish to compete.

A Payment Authorization Form must be used to pay by either check (made out to McLean Community Center) or credit card.

❖ **When is the final round of the competition?**

March 27, 2019, at 8 p.m.

❖ **Should I include a resume?**

Please fill out the resume portion of the application. Do not submit a separate resume.

❖ **Dance—Should I wear a costume to the preliminary round?**

It is recommended that you dress in whatever is best to enhance your style of dance.

❖ **Dance—In what form should I bring my music?**

CD, smartphone or iPod. If you bring a CD, please also bring a backup CD. Music on thumb drives or laptop computers will not be accepted.

❖ **Music—Do I provide my own accompanist?**

Yes.

❖ **Vocal Music—Do any of the selections have to be in a language other than English?**

No. One piece should be in English, but there is no foreign language requirement for this competition.

❖ **Theatre—What type of pieces should I present?**

Selections should be chosen with contrast and diversity in mind. For example: one comedy and one drama; one classic, and one modern.