



Each year the Sponsors of the Arts award scholarships to deserving young students at the Rockville Centre schools who would like to pursue the study of the arts outside of school. Areas of study may include instrumental music, vocal performance, dance, theatre, photography and visual arts. Students enrolled in the Rockville Centre Public Schools in grades 6 through 11 are eligible to apply. Scholarship awards are to be used for private instruction, or academic year or summer instructional programs. Scholarships recipients are selected by our scholarship committee which is comprised of parents of South Side High School alumni (no parents with students presently in schools serve on the committee). Students may submit only one application. The scholarship awards may not be used for the purchase of an instrument, instructional materials, or supplies.

All award recipients will be announced at one of the 2024 All District Concerts held on **March 12th, 14th, and 18th**. You do not have to be participating in one of the concerts to win. If you are not participating in one of the All District Concerts, you will be notified by telephone to attend one of the concerts. Applicants must complete the attached application form and submit a personal essay. The essay must be 3 – 5 paragraphs in length. Your essay should describe your interest and/or passion for the arts and specifically the discipline you will pursue study in if awarded the scholarship. You should also include why you are interested in receiving a scholarship from the Sponsors of the Arts and how you would envision using the scholarship funds to pursue your interest in that specific discipline. For example, possibly you would like to use the scholarship towards a camp in visual and performing arts or a private tutor for voice lessons. Your essay should be 3 – 5 paragraphs in length and follow the standard essay format. Completed applications (with the essay) **must be postmarked or emailed to rvcponsors.of.the.arts@gmail.com no later than February 23, 2024.**

Prior private study is **not** a requirement for applying, and in fact many past scholarships have been awarded to students to begin private study. Please note that recipients are not selected based on talent or proficiency. This scholarship is an opportunity for Sponsors of the Arts to support a student's desire to pursue

the arts through private studies regardless of the student's past experience or abilities.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed via email to:

rvcponsors.of.the.arts@gmail.com Completed applications must be mailed to:

*Sponsors of the Arts
PO Box 233
Rockville Centre, NY 11570*

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Applicant: Please provide responses to the following. If a particular question does not apply to your area of interest, please respond **N/A** (not applicable). Please feel free to attach additional sheets you may need in order to fully respond to any question.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Telephone _____

Parent's Email _____

School _____

Grade in School _____

Teacher of school ensemble(s)/classes in which you participate in any art (i.e. chorus, photography):

List the instrument(s) you play or other area of the arts in which you participate in both in and outside of school:

Have you participated in NYSSMA? If so, please list instrument/voice part, levels, scores, and year(s) of participation.

Do you currently take or have you ever taken private lessons in an area of the arts? If yes, please list the type of lesson, the name of teacher(s) and years of study.

Please list both in and out of school experiences relevant to your discipline of interest including years of study.

All applicants, please list any awards, honors, or special recognition you have received with respect to any discipline in the arts.

What are your goals as they relate to the study of the arts? Where would you like to see yourself in five years?

ESSAY: Applicant, now for the most important part. Please compose and attach a personal essay. Your essay should describe your interest and/or passion for the arts and specifically the discipline you will pursue study in if awarded the scholarship. You should also include why you are interested in receiving a scholarship from the Sponsors of the Arts and how do you envision using the scholarship funds to pursue your interest in that specific discipline. Your essay should follow standard three-five-paragraph essay format. **Essays should be NEATLY handwritten or typed. Be sure to place your name on the essay!**

Applicant: Please ask your parent or guardian to complete and sign the following Approval of Application Statement.

I, _____(name of parent/guardian) have read this scholarship application. My child completed the application with my permission, and the information contained therein is correct. I understand that should my child be awarded a scholarship we are responsible for obtaining the services of a private teacher, for providing transportation, if necessary, to attend lessons, and agree to adhere to the cancellation policy invoked by the instructor.

Signature of parent/guardian