

# 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) 7900123 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 27, 2023 at midnight.
- ❖ **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. Payment can be made by credit card or by check using the Payment Authorization Form. Secure links and payment form can be found at [www.mcleancenter.org/performing-arts/community-arts-2](http://www.mcleancenter.org/performing-arts/community-arts-2)
- ❖ **When is the final round of the competition?**  
April 19, 2023, at 8 p.m.
- ❖ **Should I include a resume?**  
Please fill out the resume portion of the application. Do not submit a separate resume.
- ❖ **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, etc.
- ❖ **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—Are practice rooms available for me to warm up before my audition?**  
No, the McLean Community Center does not have practice rooms. The green room will be available for 10 minutes prior to your audition. If you require additional warm-up and rehearsal time onsite, please rent a room by contacting Jonathan Davis at [Jonathan.Davis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Davis@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- ❖ **Music—Do I provide my own accompanist?**

Yes. A Steinway baby grand is provided, or you may bring another instrument if that is required for your performance. Pre-recorded accompaniment is not permitted in the music divisions.

❖ **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.