

James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Competition

2023 Application Guidelines

The James C. Macdonald Performing 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 to 12, who reside in or attend school in Small District 1A of the Dranesville 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>. Students must be enrolled in and attending high school on a fulltime basis to be eligible for the competition.
2. The Competition awards scholarship prizes to the first, second and third place finalists in each of the following categories: **dance, theatre, vocal music and instrumental music**. A \$1,200 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. In order for scholarship prizes to be awarded, winning students must possess a valid US Social Security Card.
3. Arts specialists in each of the disciplines act as judges for the competition. All applicants who submit a complete application will compete in the preliminary round of their category. The judges select three finalists for each category who will compete in the final round and those finalists will receive notes from the judges. The same judges will choose a first, second and third place winner at the time of the final competition. If, in any 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.
4. Students may enter to compete in more than one category, but separate application forms must be completed for each entry. There is a \$20 application fee for each entry. Secure links to pay by credit card can or the Payment Authorization Form to pay by check (made out to McLean Community Center) can be found at: <https://mcleancenter.org/performing-arts/community-arts-2>.
5. Preliminary Round: Week of February 6th. Important: Read Preliminary Round Information for each category details and scheduled dates and times. All applicants must be available on their category's preliminary round as well as the final round on April 19th. No exceptions. Preliminary rounds are closed to teachers, families and the public.
6. **The final round of the competition is Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 8 p.m.** Finalists must be able to perform at the final competition in order to be eligible for any award money. No exceptions. Students must perform the same piece(s) from the preliminary round at the final competition.

Apply online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023MacdonaldApp>
Application deadline is January 27, 2023.

Online Application, FAQs, Payment Authorization Form and Preliminary Round Guidelines available at: <https://mcleancenter.org/performing-arts/community-arts-2>

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