



TJ ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The **TJ Arts Scholarship** was created in 2012 to honor a graduating senior each year from Thomas Jefferson High School who intends to major in the creative or performing arts in college. TJ Arts awards a \$1,000 scholarship to the most promising senior majoring in theater, instrumental music, vocal music, dance, creative writing, or any visual art. Candidates for this scholarship must be enrolled in an eligible educational institution in pursuit of further education in their chosen artistic discipline. The winner of this scholarship is selected by an unbiased committee of teachers, artists and representatives of TJ Arts and is honored at a TJ Arts signature event in June. The winner may be asked to perform at this event.

TJ Arts, the sponsor of this scholarship, is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the arts within West Jefferson Hills School District and fostering a greater appreciation of the arts throughout the schools and communities it serves. For more information, please visit our website: www.tj-arts.org.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Student must be a senior in WJHSD graduating during the current school year.
2. Student must be a gifted writer, visual artist, performer, designer or technician in one of the creative or performing arts.
3. Student must plan to enroll in an eligible educational institution and intend to major in one of the creative or performing arts. This must be verified by his/her guidance counselor.
4. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 verified by his/her guidance counselor.

Requirements

1. Student must complete the application form and obtain the required information and signatures from parents and guidance counselor. Completed application form may be scanned and emailed to contactus@tj-arts.org or turned into TJHS Guidance Department.
2. Student must complete and submit a training and experience form at www.tj-arts.org/training.
3. Student must submit an original essay of approximately 250-500 words, typed and double-spaced, describing the effect of the arts on his/her life and why s/he has chosen to major in one of the arts in college. The essay must be saved as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf file and emailed to contactus@tj-arts.org.
4. Student must submit a minimum of one teacher recommendation. Teachers can be WJH teachers or private teachers of the arts. Student must ask teachers to complete the recommendation form at www.tj-arts.org/teacher-rec.
5. Performers must submit a video audition of 1-5 minutes in length. Videos may be submitted in any of the following formats: .mpeg, mp4 or .3gp, saved to a dvd or thumb drive, and submitted to the TJHS Guidance Department. DVD's and thumb drives will not be returned. Designers and visual artists must submit .pdf or .jpg files of thier work. Technicians are encouraged to find a creative way to display their talent. Writers must submit two writing samples in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format. All non-video files must be emailed to contactus@tj-arts.org.
6. All materials (completed application, teacher recommendations, training and experience form, video/work samples and essay) must be submitted by Friday, May 9, 2014.



Application Checklist: <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Training/Experience Form <input type="checkbox"/> Essay <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendation(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Video

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ Homeroom # _____

E-mail Address _____

For Parent/Guardian of Applicant:

I agree to allow my child to participate in the competition for this scholarship and give permission for the guidance department to release my child's GPA for the purposes of this competition. I also agree to abide by the requirements of this scholarship as listed below:

Parent Signature _____

Parent E-mail Address _____

For Guidance Counselor of Applicant:

I signify that the student named above has an overall GPA of _____. I also signify that this student is enrolled at _____ for the upcoming school year and plans to major in one of the creative or performing arts.

Guidance Counselor Signature _____

Special Note to Parents and Applicant About Scholarship Requirements:

This scholarship must be used to pay for qualified educational expenses: tuition or fees, books, supplies, or equipment required by all students in a particular course. The scholarship will be tax-free to the recipient only if he/she abides by the condition stated above.

In order to abide by our Public Charity 501(c)(3) status, TJ Arts will present the scholarship check made payable to the student recipient's account at the educational institution to which he/she is enrolled.

A follow-up case history will be done on each scholarship recipient to insure that the scholarship is used for its intended purpose. If not in compliance, then the educational institution must return the scholarship monies to TJ Arts at the end of the term for which monies were disbursed.

TJ Arts reserves the right not to award the scholarship if the selection committee determines that they do not have a worthy candidate.

Questions about this application can be directed to contactus@tj-arts.org.