

2018 APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship (MDPAS) Fund benefits **up to two** selected graduating high school seniors within the Charlotte Region who demonstrate above-average ability and great interest in one or more areas of the performing arts.

Minimum Eligibility

1. Demonstrated ability and great interest in one or more areas of the performing arts
2. Desire to pursue an undergraduate major in a discipline related to the performing arts (e.g. music, dance, theatre, technical theatre, arts administration, or teaching)
3. Cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher
4. Evidence of acceptance by an accredited four-year college or university with an established performing arts program; and enrollment or preparation to enroll as a full-time student.
5. Financial need

Application Process

1. MDPAS application forms will be available and downloadable on **December 8, 2017** at www.blumenthalarts.org/scholarships.
2. Parents of students applying for a Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship (MDPAS) are encouraged to complete and submit to the appropriate government offices their respective 2017 tax returns and Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) applications no later than mid-February in order to meet the MDPAS application deadline of **Thursday, April 5, 2017**. FAFSA information may be accessed at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
3. As soon as students/parents receive a copy of the 2018-2019 Student Aid Report (SAR), the government-provided summary of information submitted on the FAFSA, applicants may complete and mail application packets to the address provided below. The packet must contain:
 - completed scholarship application form (typed responses only) inclusive of a one-page essay entitled, "Why I Am the Right Choice for the Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship"
 - A reference from at least two of the following: a current theatre, music, and/or dance teacher
 - sealed transcript from applicant's high school
 - copy of the 2018-2019 SAR report
 - copy of a college acceptance letter and any financial aid award letters received (If not yet received, copies must be submitted upon receipt.)
4. Application packets must be received at the address below no later than April 5, 2018.

Selection of Final Candidates for Auditions or Portfolio Presentations, April 9

1. From the total number of applicants, the MDPAS Committee will select finalists to be invited to a Blumenthal Performing Arts studio on Saturday, April 28, for an audition/portfolio presentation. All applicants will be notified of their candidacy status no later than Wednesday, April 11.
2. On April 28, all performance auditions (singers, dancers, actors and/or instrumentalists) and non-performance portfolio presentations (stage managers; costume, set, lighting, and sound designers; and/or those specializing in other non-performance areas directly related to the performing arts) will occur in 15 minute intervals beginning at 9 AM and concluding no later than 4 PM.
3. Auditions and portfolio presentations will be limited to four minutes each, followed by a discussion of up to ten minutes with Scholarship Committee members.
4. A performer may sing, dance, act, play a musical instrument, or perform any two of these art forms (e.g. sing and dance) as long as the audition does not exceed four minutes. A piano, accompanist, and CD player will be available.
5. Portfolios presented by stage managers, technical theater workers, and other specialists should include show programs and photos, letters of appreciation or commendation, illustrations and/or memorabilia that portray their artistry and ability. A DVD player will be available. In cases in which portfolio materials are extremely limited, the Scholarship Committee will rely heavily on the discussion portion of the meeting and reference letters from teachers received earlier in the application packet.
6. Specific audition and portfolio presentation times on April 28 will be assigned according to logistical concerns (e.g. a grouping of performers who request an accompanist) no later than April 18.

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Committee will consider the following when selecting finalists:

1. Financial Need
2. Apparent potential for a career related to the performing arts
3. Desire to enrich the lives of others through performing arts-related talent and training
4. Academic performance
5. Personal achievements
6. School and community involvement

The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Fund

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Scholarship Awards

Up to two students will be selected to receive scholarships of up to \$10,000 each at the discretion of The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are paid directly to the recipient's college or university and are designated for tuition, required fees, books, and supplies. Scholarships are awarded for one year only, but may be renewed for up to three years of undergraduate study provided 1) funds are available, 2) recipients continue to enroll full-time each term and 3) are recognized as students in good academic and behavioral standing.

SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE BY April 5 TO:

*The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Committee
c/o Blumenthal Performing Arts Education Department
345 North College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202*

If you have questions regarding the application process, please call Eric Figueroa at 704-348-5770.