

2018 MARY DOCTOR PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Procedures and Guidelines

The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Committee selects up to two students to receive scholarships of up to \$10,000 each. The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship (MDPAS) benefits selected graduating seniors within the Charlotte region who demonstrate above-average ability and great interest in one or more areas of the performing arts. 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 funds are available and recipients continue to enroll full-time each term and are recognized as students in good academic and behavioral standing.

Student Eligibility

- A 2018 graduating high school senior
- Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in a performing arts related discipline (music, dance, theatre, technical theatre, arts administration, education, etc.)
- Must reside in one of the following Charlotte-area counties: Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanley, Union, Chester (SC), Chesterfield (SC), Lancaster (SC), York (SC).

The Scholarship Committee will consider the following when selecting finalists:

1. Financial need
2. Apparent potential for a career in 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

Application Process

1. Application forms will be available and downloadable on **December 1, 2017** at www.blumenthalarts.org/scholarships.
2. All application packets must be received by **April 5, 2018**. Application packets must contain:
 - a. completed Scholarship Application Form (typed responses only)
 - b. one-page essay detailing why applicant is applying for MDPAS
 - c. most recent available transcript from applicant's high school
 - d. copy of the student's *2018-2019 Student Aid Report**
 - e. reference Contact Form and recommendation letter from a current teacher or industry professional (included with the application form)
 - f. copy of a college acceptance letter and any financial aid award letters received

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3. From the total number of applicants, the Scholarship Committee will select scholarship finalists. All applicants will be notified of their finalist candidacy no later than Friday, **April 13, 2018**.
4. All finalists will be invited to the MDPAS Auditions and Interviews on Saturday, **April 28, 2018**. Finalists must be present on April 28 to be considered for the scholarship.
 - a. All finalists will be scheduled in fifteen minute intervals beginning at 9 AM and concluding no later than 5 PM. Each student will have a maximum of 14 minutes with the Scholarship Committee. Seven minutes will be allotted to the student's audition/portfolio presentation and 7 minutes will be allotted for a discussion with the committee.
 - b. Specific audition/portfolio presentation times will be assigned to finalists according to logistical concerns (e.g. a grouping of performers who request an accompanist) no later than April 20.
 - c. Applicants who are performers (singers, dancers, actors, instrumentalists, etc.) may perform any two of these art forms as long as the combined audition does not exceed four minutes. A piano, accompanist, and CD player will be available.
 - d. Applicants who are non-performers (stage managers, costume/set/lighting designers, directors and music composers, potential future performing arts teachers, etc.) may present portfolios that include show programs, photos, illustrations, memorabilia that portray artistry and ability, and any other relevant coursework or items. A DVD player will be available. In cases where portfolio materials are extremely limited, the Scholarship Committee will rely heavily on the discussion portion of the meeting and reference letters in the application packet.
5. All finalists will be notified by April 30 of their scholarship recipient status. The Recipient(s) will be invited to the Blumey Awards on May 20 to formally receive the scholarship award.

**Student Aid Report (SAR)* is a paper or electronic document providing information regarding a student's eligibility for receiving federal student aid. It is the document available to the student following the parent's submission of the FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid). Parents of students applying for the MDPAS are encouraged to complete and submit to the appropriate government offices their respective 2017 tax returns and FAFSA applications no later than mid-February in order to meet the MDPAS application deadline (April 5, 2018). Typically, a student may access her/his SAR within two weeks of filing the FAFSA. Information regarding FAFSA completion may be accessed at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



All MDPAS application materials must be received by April 5, 2018.

Materials may be submitted in the following ways:

- Mail materials to The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Committee
c/o Blumenthal Performing Arts Education Department
345 North College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202
- Fax materials via 704-444-2076
- Scan and email materials to efigueroa@ncbpac.org
- Deliver materials to the Guest Services desk at Sprit Square, 345 North College Street, Charlotte (in a large envelope clearly marked, *Blumenthal Performing Arts, Education Department, Attn. Eric Figueroa*)

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