

2019 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, on-campus housing, meal plans, required fees, books, and supplies. Scholarships are not to be used for off-campus housing, off-campus meals, or any other purpose than designated. 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 2019 graduating high school senior
- Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in a performing arts related discipline (music, dance, theatre, technical theatre, arts administration, arts 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 at www.blumenthalarts.org/scholarships.
2. All application packets must be received by **March 1, 2019**. Application packets must contain:
 - a. completed Scholarship Application Form
 - 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 to date

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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, **March 15, 2019**.
4. All finalists will be invited to the MDPAS Auditions and Interviews on Saturday, **March 30, 2019**. Finalists must be present on March 30 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 6 PM. Each student will have a maximum of 14 minutes with the Scholarship Committee. Up to seven minutes will be allotted to the student's audition/portfolio presentation and the remaining time 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 March 26.
 - 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 which include show programs, photos, illustrations, memorabilia portraying artistry, ability, and other relevant 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 8 of their scholarship recipient status.

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 2018 tax returns and FAFSA applications no later than mid-February in order to meet the MDPAS application deadline (March 1, 2019). 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 March 1, 2019.

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

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