



2023 WFAA HELEN WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST - VERY IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY**

[APPLICATION LINK](#)

ELIGIBILITY – You must reside in McHenry County

- Up to seven \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to current graduating High School seniors who reside in McHenry County in recognition of their abilities and contributions to the fine arts. The award will be based on demonstrated ability in the arts and completed application requirements.

TALENT SHOWCASE AT WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE – APRIL 6, 2023

- Scholarship recipients must be available to perform in the Annual Woodstock Fine Arts Association Talent Showcase, scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the Woodstock Opera House.
- Scholarship recipients will present one submission at the Talent Showcase on April 6, 2023 that will be selected by the WFAA Scholarship Committee from your application submissions.

GATHER YOUR MATERIALS – DEADLINE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 at midnight

- Applications and all documents, detailed in this checklist, must be received on or before the APPLICATION DEADLINE of Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at midnight.
- **This application form must be completed and submitted in one sitting. There is no save function; you will NOT be able to come back to it later.**
- Prepare your application materials as detailed in the Application Requirements Checklist BEFORE completing the online application. Copy and paste your longer responses into the Application form.
- No partially completed applications will be accepted.
- No scanned applications will be accepted.
- Application is VOID if the form is altered.
- Scholarship Award Winners will be notified on or before Monday, March 6, 2023.

CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY OF ART

Choose only one category - only one application per student will be accepted.

Performing Arts: Voice
Performing Arts: Dance
Performing Arts: Instrumental (one instrument only)
Performing Arts: Acting
Performing Arts: Musical Theater

Visual Arts: Fine Arts / Graphic Arts
Visual Arts: Theatrical Costume / Set Design

Creative Writing

SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENTATION - VIDEOS / POWERPOINTS / .PDFs

Performing Arts Categories (see above)

- Please submit TWO PERFORMANCE QUALITY video samples.
- Please list the title of the work you are performing as well as the venue, composer, accompanist (if applicable) and / or playwright or author of the original work.
 - You may add this information to the video or your Essay .pdf.

Visual Arts Categories (see above)

- Artist Statement: Describe your medium, process and inspiration for the series or each piece.
- Submit a Powerpoint with Artist Statement (first slide) and SIX images documenting your best work (one slide for each piece).
- Theatrical Costume / Set Design: Please describe your contribution to the production.

Creative Writing Category

- Please submit one .pdf with THREE writing samples.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DOCUMENTATION and LINKS

DOCUMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Be sure to check the Choose Your Category of Art section for the required number and type (video or Powerpoint or .pdf) of documentation to submit.
- Please submit Performance quality videos only.

LINK INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please upload your samples to a sharing service (e.g., YouTube, Dropbox, Google Drive) that allows you to create a public link. Paste these links into the form.
- Please ensure the links you provide are functioning **EVEN WHEN YOU ARE LOGGED OUT OF THE SHARING SERVICES.**
- Please do not submit links that are locked and require a password.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- TWO letters of recommendation: One letter of recommendation needs to be from a school counselor or instructor, and one from an individual who is familiar with your involvement in the arts. Neither letter of recommendation can be from someone to whom you are related. These letters are required to be on letterhead with the email of the author. Letters should be emailed to scholarship@woodstockfinearts.org with the applicant's name in subject line.
- Transcripts must be submitted via email by your counselor or school administration to: scholarship@woodstockfinearts.org. Please put applicant's name in subject line.

- Essay: 500 words maximum. Please describe how you will use your talent and interest in the arts in your future. Please email a .pdf with the following to scholarship@woodstockfinearts.org
 - Performing Arts: Add the title, composer, accompanist and/or playwright or author of the original work to your Essay .pdf.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS (all item on Google Form with asterisks are required)

About Me

- Student Name / Cell Phone / Email
- Street Address / City, State, Zip
- Check Yes or No: I live in McHenry County

Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

- Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name / Phone Numbers – cell and landline / Email

Academic Information

- Ask TWO people for Letters of Recommendation (see above)
- Ask your school Administrator to email your Transcript
- Write a 500 word (maximum) essay and save as .pdf
- Name of High School
- My GPA
- School Counselor Name / Email
- List of High School Activities
- List of Colleges who Accepted Me / Intended Major

Category of Art / Documentation Samples

- See above for Categories and Documentation / Link Instructions
- How did you hear about the WFAA Scholarship

Upload Documentation Links (Video, Powerpoint or .PDF)

- Link #1
- Link #2

Photo and Video Release

- Signed by Student or Parent (if student is under 18 years of age)
- ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN WAIVER (if under 18, your parent must sign) which gives WFAA permission to use photography / video / submitted work in print and online publications, presentations, websites or social media. No royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable by reason of such use.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 21, 2023 (midnight)

Application Deadline

March 6, 2023

Scholarship Award Winners notified by this date

April 6, 2023

Talent Showcase at the Woodstock Opera House

QUESTIONS?

Contact Melanie Feerst at melaniefeerst@gmail.com or call 847.894.3589