



The Washington Post Music & Dance Awards Contestant Information Sheet

*All contestants must complete this information cover sheet and include it with their application packet. Please **type** all information requested. **If this form is not completed, this application will be returned! Remember, answer all questions and place not applicable (N/A) in those spaces that do not apply to you.**

A) Contestant name: _____

B) Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

C) Home Phone number (): _____

Contestant Cell Phone Number (): _____

D) Email address (if applicable): _____

E) Parent/Guardian name: _____

F) Parent/Guardian address (if different than above): _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

G) Parent/Guardian email address (if applicable): _____

H) High School name: _____

I) Music/Dance advisor name (if applicable): _____

Music and Dance Scholarship Awards Assessment Process

I. Eligibility

Students who are currently juniors, will graduate in 2009 and who have an interest in dance, instrumental or vocal music are eligible. Scholarship checks (\$2,000) will be sent to the institutions in which the award recipient is enrolled full-time for the fall term of the 2009-2010 academic school year.

To participate, all contestants must submit the following items to: The Washington Post Public Relations – C/O Music & Dance Educational Awards- 1150 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. **All items must be received at The Washington Post by Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 5:30 pm.**

II. Scholarship Award Criteria¹

Each application packet must contain the following:

- **Component A** - Official/certified copy of current transcript indicating a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 or better;
- **Component B** - One-page typed essay that describes how your participation in the arts (e.g. instrumental, vocal, dance, etc) has impacted your life beyond performances on the stage; (Min-500 Words)
- **Component C** - A DVD – containing one performance that is no longer than 2 1/2 minutes². The performance submission must be no older than 1 year. No exceptions;
- **Component D** - A black & white **head shot** (5"x 7").

III. Music and Dance Award Applications Submission Requirements

Application components A, B, C & D (listed above) must be submitted together as a complete package.

- Component C (Performance recording) must be submitted in accordance with the time specifications outlined.

¹ Application Components A, B, C & D must be received by June 18, or they can also be dropped off at the 24-hour delivery entrance of The Washington Post at 1515 L Street NW, Washington, D.C.

² Audio taped performance submissions will not be accepted and there are no exceptions. This includes CDs and cassette tapes.

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IV. Scoring Process

All Music & Dance entries will be evaluated by a team of independent professional vocalists, dancers, musicians & educators from the metropolitan area. Each part of the application process will be scored accordingly:

A. Part A – Transcript:

- 2.50 – 2.70 - (1 point)
- 2.71 – 3.00 - (2 points)
- 3.01 – 3.50 - (3 points)
- 3.51 – 4.00 - (4 points)
- 4.10 or > (5 points)

B. Part B – Essay: Assessed on Content and Grammar

C. Part C –DVD submission (1-10) per category:

- Overall Performance (1-10)
- Stage presence (1-10)
- Performance time – can be no more than 2 _ minutes (1-10)
- Technique (1-10)

D. All applications must be completed and received at The Washington Post by 5:30 pm on June 18, 2008. There are no exceptions.

For additional information about the Music & Dance Educational Program, please email David Jones (Associate Producer) at jonesdj@washpost.com. To view a complete history of the show: 1) visit www.washpost.com, 2) click on “Community Relations, 3) select “The Post & Education”; and 4) “double-click” on Music & Dance Awards. You may also go directly to http://www.washpost.com/community/education/music_and_dance_scholarships/index.shtml for more information.