



Arts Council of Johnson County Shooting Stars Scholarship Program Literary Arts: Prose and Poetry Scholarship Guidelines

Portfolio Submission will be due on January 20, 2012. The portfolio submission will consist of a CD containing the Finalist's prose and/or poetry works. The CD is due to The Arts Council's office (located at 15301 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Ste. B40, Lenexa) by 6 pm on January 20, 2012. Late or incomplete portfolios will be disqualified and not eligible for scholarship consideration.

Awards and Scholarships

Finalist Scholarships – scholarship monies for each category are raised with private and public contributions.

1. Shooting Stars scholarships are merit based. Two (2) independent arts professionals from the metropolitan region will serve as judges and make scholarship decisions for each arts category.
2. Two (2) scholarships per arts category will be awarded providing the Finalists meet the nominating criteria and Scholarship Guidelines.
3. There will be no prior notification or announcement of scholarship winners before the Shooting Stars Gala on Sunday, April 1, 2012.
4. The Arts Council of Johnson County reserves the right to:
 - Withhold scholarships in a category that has three or fewer Finalists.
 - Withhold scholarships in any category based upon the judges' decision that submitted Finalists did not meet the judging criteria.
 - Maintain that judges' decisions are final.
5. Scholarship funds can only be used for enrollment (tuition) fees.
6. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the Finalist's school, and be released once recipient fulfills scholarship processing requirements and deadlines.
7. Upon notification of scholarship, recipients are asked to contact their Johnson County Commissioner to thank them for supporting The Arts Council of Johnson County.

General Requirements & Information

1. The Shooting Stars Scholarship Program is not an open competition. Only senior high school (12th grade) students who are residents of Johnson County, Kansas, may be nominated.
2. Only High School Art Faculty in private and public school systems who have graduating senior high school (12th grade) students who reside in Johnson County, Kansas, may nominate a Finalist.
3. No High School may nominate more than one Finalist per scholarship category:
 - Literature
 - Theatre Technical
 - Photography
 - Strings
 - Voice (classical)
 - Two-Dimensional Art
 - Theatre Performance (including voice)
 - Winds & Percussion
 - Three-Dimensional Art
4. Student Finalist may submit either two (2) pieces of prose (fiction or creative non-fiction) or three (3) poems (any style).
5. Finalists should make their prose and/or poetry selections for their portfolio only after careful review of the Literature Scholarship Guidelines and discussion about their choices with their nominating teacher.
6. Student Finalists will be asked to affirm that all works in their submitted portfolio were done by them and that their "CD files accurately represent their actual work."
7. Submitted prose and poetry must have been created by the student Finalist within the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.
8. Finalist will be solely responsible for meeting all Shooting Stars Scholarship Program deadlines.
Note: *Finalist will receive one email reminder from ACJC approximately one week prior to each deadline.*
9. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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Forms, Résumé, Behind the Scenes Photos and Videotaped Introduction

1. All Finalists must submit completed and/or signed Participation Agreement Form, Media Release Form and Contact Information Form by October 14, 2011.
2. All Finalists must email their Résumé to artsjoco@sbcglobal.net by 12 midnight on January 9, 2012:
 - Sample Literary Arts Résumé can be found under the heading “Resources For Teachers & Student Finalists” on the ACJC website at: www.artsjoco.org/shootstars/resume.html
3. All Finalists will be videotaped introducing themselves, their high school and nominating teacher and reading their portfolio submissions at the Bell Cultural Center (on the MidAmerica Nazarene campus in Olathe, KS) on January 28, 2012. Videotaping will be used to introduce Finalists during the Gala Awards Ceremony on April 1, 2012. Finalists need to keep the day of January 28, 2012 open.
4. Finalists need to submit a CD containing one (1) to three (3) “behind the scenes” photos of the Finalist (what it takes to become a Shooting Stars Finalist) to be used for the Gala DVD photo montage. Photos may be of work in the classroom, creative work, competitions, etc.

Literature Submissions

1. The student must meet all of the requirements under **General Requirements**.
2. Finalist may submit either two (2) pieces of prose (fiction or creative non-fiction) **or** three (3) poems (any style).

Prose Submission

- Finalist will submit two (2) pieces of prose writing.
- Prose submissions may be fiction or creative nonfiction.
 - Fiction submissions must be a well-developed commercial or literary short story.
 - Creative nonfiction must be well-written, focused and informative with details and a distinctive voice. Essays must state a premise, substantiate the premise with facts and reiterate the premise.
- Literature document files will be submitted as a .doc or .docx file.
- Document file name must include last name of Finalist with first letter of first name.
For example: Name – Sarah VanLanduyt: vanlanduyts.doc
- Formatting for prose submissions. Submission will:
 - not exceed 3,000 words for each prose piece
 - be in Times New Roman 12 pt font
 - be double spaced with one (1) inch margins
 - include the title and Finalist’s first and last name in the upper right-hand corners of all pages
 - include page numbers in the bottom right-hand corner of each page

Poetry Submission

- Finalists will submit three (3) poems.
 - Poetry may be any style, but if a particular style, i.e. villanelle, the form must be accurate.
- Literature document files will be submitted as a .doc or .docx file.
- Document file name must include last name of Finalist with first letter of first name.
For example: Name – Sarah VanLanduyt: vanlanduyts.doc
- Formatting for poetry submissions. Submission will:
 - not exceed 30 lines for each poem.
 - be in Times New Roman 12 pt font.
 - be single spaced with one (1) inch margins.
 - include the title and Finalist’s first and last name in the upper right-hand corner of all pages.