



October 3, 2011

Dear Prospective Shooting Stars Participant and Parents/Guardians,

The Arts Council of Johnson County is excited to announce the opening of the 2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program season. If you received this information, your student's teacher is interested in nominating your son/daughter as a Finalist for the 2012 Program.

Please carefully read the attached information about the Shooting Stars Program, and then complete and return the forms. We hope your student decides to participate in the 2012 Shooting Stars Program!

If your student wishes to participate:

- *Student and parent/guardian need to complete and sign the Participation Agreement Form.*
- *Student and parent/guardian need to complete the Contact Information Form (found on backside of Participation Agreement Form.)*
- *Student needs to sign the Media Release Form. (If student is not 18, parent/guardian must sign.)*
- ***The three forms*** – Participation Agreement Form, Contact Information Form and Media Release Form – ***need to be returned to their Nominating Teacher by no later than Friday, October 14, 2011.***

Note: Notification to participate after this date will not be accepted.

If your student does not wish to participate:

- Student needs to let their teacher know by no later than Friday, October 14, 2011.

Thank you for your interest and support for the 2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program. Please call if you have questions or need additional information. I can be reached at 913.894.2720.

Sincerely,

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Shooting Stars Finalists and Parents,

The Arts Council of Johnson County is excited to announce the opening of the 2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program! The Shooting Stars Program is a merit based program honoring high school seniors who have excelled in the arts during their high school career and are residents of Johnson County, Kansas. The program also awards scholarships in nine disciplines through a juror process, e.g. live auditions or interviews, submission of artwork via digital images and literary works which are reviewed by independent judges. All Finalists are recognized and scholarship recipients announced at the annual Shooting Stars Gala on April 1, 2012.

Please read and discuss this Program Overview in its entirety before completing and returning the attached forms. We hope this Program Overview provides you with key information about the Shooting Stars Program so both the student and parents will be able to make an informed decision about participating in this scholarship program.

Program Details

Over the past 15 years, more than \$200,000 in arts scholarships has been awarded to Johnson County high school seniors. Almost 1,000 area students have been recognized for their artistic talents, and more than 200 have continued their education with the help of a Shooting Stars Scholarship.

The Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship, and Awards Program is presented by The Arts Council of Johnson County. A merit based program, the intent of Shooting Stars is to celebrate the artistic talent of our youth and support their people's creative exploration by providing college scholarships.

To participate in the Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program:

1. Student and parents/guardian sign and return (to their teacher) the Participation Agreement, Contact Information and Media Release Forms by October 14, 2011.
2. High School Arts Teacher submits an online nomination form their student for the Shooting Stars Scholarship Program.
3. Once nominated, the student becomes a Finalist.
4. Finalist submits required Résumé, photo CD and then auditions, interviews and/or submits portfolio for judging.
5. Finalists are recognized and scholarship recipients announced at the Annual Shooting Stars Gala.

ALL Shooting Stars Finalists are recognized through the following:

- The Annual Shooting Stars Gala: Reception, Visual Arts Exhibition Opening and the Recognition, Scholarship & Awards Ceremony on April 1, 2012.
- Special guests, along with their families, of the Arts Council at the Shooting Stars Gala.
- Visual Arts Finalists' exhibition at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art during the annual Shooting Stars Gala. The exhibition will be open for approximately one month starting April 1, 2012.
- DVD photo montage shown during the Reception (includes photos submitted by Finalists and clips from auditions, interviews, readings and/or portfolio submissions.)
- "Presentation/Introduction" to attendees during the Awards Ceremony at the April 1, 2012 Gala.
- Shooting Stars Program Certificates.

Awards and Scholarships

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

1. Shootings 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.



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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.

Nominating Criteria and General 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. Interested students must review the Shooting Stars Program information with their parents/guardian, write why they are interested in participating in the Program, and they and their parent/guardian complete and sign the Participation Agreement (PAF), Contact Information and Media Release Forms, and return all three to their teacher by October 14, 2011. No forms will be accepted after Friday, Oct. 14th.
4. The deadline for Art Faculty members to submit online nominations is Friday, October 28, 2011. No late or incomplete nominations will be accepted.
5. Once nominated, the student becomes a Shooting Stars Finalist and is eligible for the scholarship competition.
6. 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
7. All Finalists must email their Résumé to artsjoco@sbcglobal.net by 12 midnight on January 9, 2012.
8. Detailed Scholarship Guidelines for each specific arts category are provided in this Shooting Stars Finalist Program Packet. *Finalists are solely responsible for meeting all Guidelines in order to remain eligible for scholarship consideration.* Finalist will receive one reminder email a week before each deadline.
9. Finalists must complete the following to be eligible for scholarship consideration:
 - All Finalists: PAF, Contact Information and Media Release Forms, Résumé, videotaping, and audition, interview and/or portfolio submission (CD).
 - Literature: two (2) prose or three (3) poetry pieces [CD (containing literary works) portfolio submission];
due January 21, 2012
 - Visual Arts: total of eight (8) artworks [CD (containing images of artworks) portfolio submission];
due January 28, 2012. Nerman Museum Loan Form (for exhibition artwork); *due mid-February, 2012*
 - Performing Arts: audition or interview with portfolio submission (theatre tech only) for seven (7) to ten (10) minutes; *due January 28, 2012*
 - All Finalists: Participate in the Shooting Stars Gala on Sunday, April 1, 2012.



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Program Participation Agreement Form

Student's Name: (please print) _____

Arts Category: (circle one) 2D Art 3D Art Photography Literature
 Strings Theatre Performance Theatre Tech Voice Winds & Percussion

Finalist and Parent/Guardian Contract

We, parents/guardian and prospective Shooting Stars Finalist, have read and accept the guidelines and information for participation in the 2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program. Participation begins with the student being nominated by his/her teacher (October 2011) and ends with the 2012 Shooting Stars Gala to be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012. Note: Visual Art Finalists are required to pick up their Shooting Stars exhibit artwork from the Nerman Museum in May.

We, Finalist and parents/guardian, understand that communication for the Shooting Stars Program mainly consists of email messages. Note: 2012 Gala invitations will be mailed. We, Finalist and parents/guardian, agree to provide a current email address and mail address at the beginning of the Program and to notify (in a timely manner) The Arts Council of Johnson County with any email or mail address changes that may occur during the Program period.

We, Finalist and parents/guardian, understand that the nominated Finalist is solely responsible for meeting all Shooting Stars Program deadlines. Failure to complete required actions and/or failure to complete them in a timely manner will result in dismissal from the Program.

Student: Please share (one paragraph) why you would like to participate in the Shooting Stars Program.

We, the parent/guardian and prospective Finalist, have read and understand the Shooting Stars information, and agree to fulfill the Guidelines for participating in the 2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program.

* Both signatures are required. Thank you.

***Finalist's Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Finalist's Printed Name _____

***Parent's/Guardian's Signature** _____ **Date** _____

(please circle 'Parent' or 'Guardian')

Parent's/Guardian's Printed Name _____

*****Please complete the information on backside & sign attached Media Release Form. Return both Forms to student's Nominating Teacher by no later than Friday, October 14th.*****



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FINALIST CONTACT INFORMATION

Please complete and return to the student's Nominating Teacher by October 14, 2011.
Late forms will not be accepted – nomination is not complete until this form is received.

FINALIST NAME: _____

Arts Nomination Category: (please check appropriate arts category)

Performing Arts: <input type="checkbox"/> Strings	Visual Arts: <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Dimensional
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Performance (including voice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Three-Dimensional
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre Technical	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Voice (classical)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winds & Percussion	Literary Arts: <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry/Prose

Type of Instrument (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone Type: cell or home Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

*Street Address: _____

* If different than Finalist's

City, State & Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone Type: cell or home Phone Number: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

*Street Address: _____

* If different than Finalist's

City, State & Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone Type: cell or home Phone Number: _____



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FINALIST MEDIA RELEASE FORM

This form must be returned to student's Nominating Teacher by no later than October 14, 2011.

Permission is granted to The Arts Council of Johnson County to:

(please check the appropriate box for your arts category)

- Performing Arts:** videotape the Finalist introducing themselves and the Finalist's audition or interview for scholarship consideration, and to use any or all images of, or submitted by, the Finalist. (Submitted images may be taken prior to/during the 2012 Shooting Stars Program season.)
- Visual Arts:** videotape the Finalist introducing themselves, and use any or all images of, or submitted by, the Finalist. (Submitted images may be taken prior to/during the 2012 Shooting Stars Program season.)
- Literary Arts:** videotape the Finalist introducing themselves, reading up to four (4) minutes of passages or segments of creative works submitted for scholarship consideration, and use any or all images of, or submitted by, the Finalist. (Submitted images may be taken prior to/during the 2012 Shooting Stars Program season.)

Note: All videotaping will be done Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the Bell Cultural Events Center located on the MidAmerica Nazarene University campus in Olathe.

The images and videotaping will be used:

1. As a resource for the Finalists' DVD photo montage shown during the April 1, 2012 Shooting Stars Gala.
2. As educational material, such as program documentation.
3. As program promotion and Finalist's recognition in print and electronic media, such as ACJC's website or online social networking websites.

Finalist's Signature _____ Date _____

(Finalist can sign if 18 years old)

Print Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____ Home Phone Number _____

OR, if Finalist is not 18 years old:

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Email _____ Home Phone Number _____