



2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program

Shooting Stars Finalists and Parents,

The Arts Council of Johnson County would like to welcome you to 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.

*This **Finalist Program Packet** contains detailed information about the 2012 Shooting Stars Program you have been nominated for. Please read and ask your parents to read the Packet in its entirety, and keep it handy for your use/reference over the course of the Program. Sections you might find most important and helpful include: the Scholarship Guidelines, Program Calendar, Finalist Checklist and Tips for Auditions/Interviews or Portfolio Submissions.*

We need your help in making sure we have current email and mail addresses for you. Most future Program correspondence will be done via email, and invitations for the Gala will be sent to your home address. Please send changes in email and/or mail addresses to artsjoco@sbcglobal.net.

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/guardians sign and return (to their teacher) the Participation Agreement, Contact Information and Media Release Forms by October 14, 2011.
2. High School Arts Teacher nominates the student for the Shooting Stars Scholarship Competition.
3. Once nominated, the student becomes a Finalist.
4. Finalist submits required Résumé, photo CD and then audition, interview or submit portfolio for judging.
5. Finalists are recognized and scholarship recipients are announced at the Annual Shooting Stars Gala.

ALL Shooting Stars Finalists are recognized through the following:

- The Annual Shooting Stars Gala: Reception, Visual Arts Exhibit 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 exhibit opens April 1, 2012, and runs for a month after the opening.
- DVD photo montage shown during the Reception (includes photos submitted by Finalists and clips from auditions, interviews, readings and 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.
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 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 submit an online Résumé 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.