



# What to Know About the 2023 Shooting Stars Gala

All Finalists participating in the Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program will be recognized and scholarships awarded at the Shooting Stars (SS) Gala. The 2023 Gala will be held at the Midwest Trust Center's Yardly Hall at 3:00pm on April 2, 2023. The Reception for the finalists will begin at 3:00pm with the Awards Ceremony following at 4:15pm.

Finalists and their families are invited to register for the gala as guests of the Arts Council of Johnson County; Finalists have no charge and receive four (4) complimentary reservations to use for whomever they would like to invite. Other invited guests include Nominating Teachers, principals, school district officials, elected county and state representatives, and Shooting Stars supporters.

It is important for Finalists to attend. They are individually recognized onstage at the gala, will be handed certificates, and scholarship winners will be announced. No scholarship recipients will be announced prior to the Gala.

## FINALISTS

### How to Register

Finalists, parents, and teachers will receive a Gala invitation email towards the end of February with instruction on how to claim their tickets and purchase any extra online through the ACJC Website.

### What Time Will the Gala Start?

There will be a short reception at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art before the Gala, starting at 3:00pm. At 4:15pm the event will begin with opening remarks from the Emcee of the evening and the Arts Council of Johnson County Board President. The Gala will go through each category recognizing all 2023 Shooting Stars Finalists and at the end of each category will announce the 1st and 2nd place scholarship winners.

## PARENTS, NOMINATING TEACHERS, & FAMILY MEMBERS

### How Many People Can RSVP For The Gala?

Finalists do not have to purchase a ticket for the Gala and they will also receive four (4) complimentary tickets for family and friends. Finalists do not need to use one of their complimentary tickets for their nominating teacher, as they will also receive free admission to the Gala. After the four complimentary tickets have been used, any extra friends or family must purchase a ticket to the event. Nominating Teachers will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the Gala.