

**STUDENT AWARDS**

The student awards portion of the Governor's Awards in Arts Education is designed to promote awareness and appreciation for the arts by honoring individual students (grades 9 through 12) and classified students (age 14 to 21 years) who have achieved national/state recognition in the arts and attend public or nonpublic schools in New Jersey.

**AWARD:** Summer Arts Institutes (SAI)

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE)

The New Jersey Summer Arts Institutes are programs offering month-long, sequential, state-approved arts curriculum to selected students who have demonstrated or shown potential talent in the arts. Students entering grades 8 through 12 are eligible to participate.

IAHE offers a career-oriented, pre-professional curriculum in performing, literary, visual, media arts and INTERARTS™. A scholarship program is available based upon merit and need. Our artists' community is multicultural and includes students with special needs.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Students nominated from the IAHE Summer Arts Programs must have completed the month-long program with honors.
- B. Only students who participate in IAHE Summer Programs are eligible for the Governor's Arts Award in Education.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students must successfully complete the audition process which includes workshops and/or portfolio reviews for writers, visual and media artists.
- B. Participants are evaluated for their receptivity to new ideas and willingness to take risks and their readiness for a pre-college experience.
- C. Six students may be selected for awards in the aforementioned curricular areas.
- D. Contact the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education or school guidance counselors for applications.

**DEADLINE:** March 15, annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Institute for Arts and Humanities Education

**CONTACT:**

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**AWARD:** Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)

**AWARD SPONSOR:** National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

ACT-SO conducts annual academic competitions for students in grades 9 through 12 in NAACP branches throughout the country. The current procedure is for participating branches of the NAACP to hold local competitions in the various categories. The top local winners then compete with the winners from other cities at the national ACT-SO finals during the NAACP convention.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Contestants must be enrolled in grades 9-12 in a private, parochial, or public school.
- B. Contestants must be citizens of the United States and residents of New Jersey.
- C. Contestants may enter up to three categories.
- D. Contestants must be of amateur status, having never performed as a paid professional in any of the 24 categories.
- E. Contestants must complete an ACT-SO application form and be sponsored by an individual or an organization.
- F. All local contestants must submit a local application and a one- or two-page double-spaced typed biography to their local NAACP ACT-SO sponsors.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Letters and information are mailed to all high schools throughout the state in October.
- B. Information is also distributed through local and county chapters of NAACP.
- C. At the selected ACT-SO site, teams of professional artists representing most of New Jersey's professional arts organizations, colleges, and institutions critique the students who are performing or presenting in their chosen art area(s).
- D. Decisions are made for New Jersey's winners based upon the highest numerical scores across the spectrum of the arts.
- E. Students may be nominated to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education for their work in the arts.

**DEADLINE:** Applications are due in January, annually. New Jersey performance and portfolio evaluations are held regionally each February. Each year the national competition is scheduled in July.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological  
and Scientific Olympics

**CONTACT:**  
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NAACP/ACT-SO  
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Newark, NJ 07102

or

Anana Kambon  
National ACT-SO Coordinator  
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Baltimore, MD 21215  
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**AWARD:** New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts Awards

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Talented high school students, currently in their junior year, are encouraged to apply early in the school year.
- B. Students attending public, private, parochial, out-of-state schools, or those who are home-schooled, are eligible to apply.
- C. All applicants must be legal residents of New Jersey.
- D. Applicants should have outstanding talent in one of the following areas: Creative Writing, Dance, Music (Vocal or Instrumental), Theatre, Video/Film Production, or Visual Arts.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Applications are available in the high schools in the autumn of each year.
- B. Interested candidates should contact their guidance counselors, vice principals, or principals.
- C. The number of nominees per high school is based on the size of the current junior class.
- D. Applicants present materials dependent on the division to which they apply: manuscripts, tapes or CDs, VHS videotapes and/or scripts, or slide portfolios.
- E. Dance and Theatre applicants are invited to a live preliminary audition.
- F. Finalists in all divisions attend a "Final Audition Day," usually held in March.
- G. Approximately 110 scholars are selected yearly to attend the program at no cost.
- H. The four week summer program takes place at the College of New Jersey.

Nominees for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education are chosen from the summer program. Final selections are made by the Director, in consultation with the faculty, and are based upon a student's artistic merit, dedication and character.

**DEADLINE:** Talented high school students apply to the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts at the beginning of their junior year.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

New Jersey Governor's School

**CONTACT:**

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Governor's School of the Arts  
The College of New Jersey  
P.O. Box 7718  
Ewing, NJ 08628-0718  
609- 771-3114  
609- 637-5199 FAX

**AWARD(S):** VSA arts of New Jersey - Arts Excellence Awards

**AWARD SPONSOR:** VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

Up to six awards are presented to classified students who exhibit outstanding achievement in and dedication to the arts.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Candidates must:

- A. Be New Jersey residents;
- B. Be classified students attending a full-time program in New Jersey;
- C. Be within the chronological ages of 14 through 21 years;
- D. Demonstrate outstanding dedication to their particular art discipline and artistic growth over a period of at least two years prior to this application;
- E. Show outstanding achievement in one of the art disciplines through participation in such endeavors as performances, exhibitions, publications and the creation of original works in their art forms; and
- F. Participate in an in-person demonstration/audition.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Applications for nomination are mailed statewide to public school districts, private schools, private and state facilities serving students who are classified, parent/teacher organizations, community service organizations, and private, state, and county agencies.
- B. Applications are also available through the VSA/NJ office.
- C. A nomination must be submitted by an adult other than the candidate.
- D. Applications must be returned to VSA/NJ by the date specified on the application form.
- E. Applications are reviewed by the VSA arts of New Jersey Awards Committee.
- F. Final selection is based on the written application; a portfolio and an in-person demonstration in the visual and literary arts; a live audition in the performing arts; and work samples and live demonstrations in the media arts.
- G. A short interview is conducted at the adjudication.
- H. Students are given points on a standardized checklist, reflecting their proficiency in each area related to the art form.
- I. Following this adjudication, the judges tally the totals and determine the highest scorers.
- J. A winner will not necessarily be chosen from every category. Rather, the highest scorers across the disciplines are selected for awards.

**DEADLINE:** January 7, 2005 with live adjudications held soon afterward.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

VSA arts of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**

Vanessa Young, Executive Director

VSA arts of New Jersey

703 Jersey Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732- 745-3885, 745-5935,

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**AWARD(S):** Dr. Frank Strockbine, Jr. Excellence Award in the Performing Arts

**AWARD SPONSOR:** VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

This award serves as a tribute to Dr. Frank Strockbine, Jr. who was a leader in establishing awards to recognize achievement of classified students in the field of the performing arts. Dr. Strockbine dedicated his life to bringing the performing arts to all children. This award is given to celebrate excellence in the performing arts.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Candidates must:

- A. Be New Jersey residents;
- B. Be classified students attending a full-time program in New Jersey;
- C. Be within the chronological age of 16 through 21;
- D. Demonstrate outstanding dedication in a particular performing discipline showing artistic growth over a period of three years prior to application; and
- E. Successfully audition in one of the performing art disciplines showing excellence in performance.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Nominations for this award must be made by an adult other than the candidate.
- B. The application includes a narrative by the nominator to include information on the student's commitment, ability, growth and performance history.
- C. Additionally, support materials (including letters of recommendation, press clippings, etc.) are to be included with this information.
- D. Students who meet the eligibility criteria must attend a live adjudication.
- E. They must perform two works in their chosen art form, meeting the time and content criteria set by the judges.
- F. Following their performance, a short interview is conducted.
- G. Students are given points on a standardized checklist, reflecting their proficiency in each area related to the art form.
- H. Following this adjudication, the judges tally the totals to determine the highest scorer.

**DEADLINE:** Application deadline for nominations is January 8 annually, with live adjudications held soon afterward.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

VSA arts of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**

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VSA arts of New Jersey  
703 Jersey Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
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**AWARD(S):** All-State Band

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

New Jersey Music Educators Association is an organization of member music teachers who work and/or live in the state of New Jersey. The association provides numerous performance opportunities for the students of New Jersey, including the following honor ensembles: All-State Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble. NJMEA also sponsors various festival groups for students at both the in-service teaching and performing workshops for members in various parts of the state.

All-State Band is the highest performing opportunity for the high school students of New Jersey. The All-State Band consists of a Wind Ensemble and a Symphonic Band. They will perform together on February 26, 2005 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center under a New Jersey music educator or well-known guest conductor. Their performances are typically exciting and musically demanding.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Students eligible to audition for All-State Band must have his/her band director be a member of NJMEA.
- B. The band director or an acceptable substitute must be present at the auditions.
- C. Students must be members in good standing of their own high school band and their region band to be eligible for the All-State Band experience.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students must successfully audition for one of three regional bands.
- B. Upon successful completion of the region activities, the region president will distribute All-State applications to those eligible according to instrumentation needs.
- C. All-State students may apply for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- D. A committee of music educators drawn from all three regions considers those applicants.
- E. Two students are selected after consideration of the over all excellence of their high school instrumental experience as reflected by membership in All-State Band.

**DEADLINE:** December/January according to the region schedule.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

New Jersey Music Educators Association

**CONTACT:**

Albert Bazzel  
Winslow Twp. Middle School  
200 Coopers Folly Road  
Atco, NJ 08004  
856-740-9005

**AWARD(S):** All-State Chorus

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

A student must be a member in good standing in grades 9 - 11 of his/her own school chorus in order to audition for All-State Chorus. A student must receive the endorsement of his/her own choir director and principal as an outstanding choral member and audition in the spring for the following school year's chorus. Auditions are held on two Saturdays (one in the north, one in the south) in March.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students audition for All-State Chorus according to the audition requirements as set forth and published by the NJMEA Choral Procedures every year in the audition bulletin.
- B. This bulletin is sent to all participating teachers yearly and is made available to any choir director requesting it.
- C. Students are selected through an audition process that involves high school music teachers as judges from throughout the state.
- D. Students receiving the highest score within their respective voice categories (Soprano I, Soprano II, Alto I, Alto II, Tenor I, Tenor II, Bass I, Bass II) are finalists for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education and receive a letter in the fall of the school year of their All-State participation.
- E. Each student submits a resume/letter and a letter of recommendation from his/her choir director and performs a choral audition (music selected from the All-State program) before a committee appointed by the NJMEA Choral Procedures Chair.
- F. This committee selects the final four recipients: two male, two female.

**DEADLINE:** Auditions - North – April 9, 2005.  
South – April 2, 2005.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Music Educators Association

**CONTACT:**  
Laurie Wellman  
Scotch Plains Fanwood High School  
667 Westfield Road  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076  
908-889-8600 x 361

**AWARD(S):** All-State Orchestra

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

All-State Orchestra is one of the highest performing opportunities for high school students of New Jersey. About 125 students are chosen to perform at the New Jersey Education Association conference in November in Atlantic City and the following week at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

A student must be a member of the regional orchestra and must be in good standing in his/her own school performing group to be eligible to audition for All-State Orchestra.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Applications are distributed at regional orchestra rehearsals.
- B. Out of the approximately 125 students chosen for All-State Orchestra, only two students are chosen to receive Governor's Awards in Arts Education.
- C. Those selected have attained the highest audition scores and the recommendation of the conductor, manager, and orchestra procedures chairman.

**DEADLINE:** String auditions are the third Saturday in March annually.

Woodwind, Brass and Percussionists are assigned from the All-State Band Auditions.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

New Jersey Music Educators Association

**CONTACT:**

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Piscataway, NJ 08854

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or

East Brunswick High School

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**AWARD(S):** New Jersey All-State Jazz Ensemble

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

The All-State Jazz Ensemble is one of the highest performing opportunities for high school students of New Jersey. They perform as a group at the New Jersey Education Association conference in November in Atlantic City and the following week at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark under a nationally known conductor or soloist.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Students who have the highest scores in the regional jazz ensemble auditions and are not seniors may audition for the All-State Jazz Ensemble.
- B. Each region has a cap on the number of students that can be sent to All-State auditions.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Application forms are distributed at the regional jazz auditions in March.
- B. The outstanding musician, who receives the Governor's Award in Arts Education, is selected by the conductor and managers of the concerts given at the New Jersey Education Association Convention and at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center the following November.

**DEADLINE:** Applications for the New Jersey All-State Jazz Ensemble must be returned by April, annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

New Jersey Music Educators Association

**CONTACT:**

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Montclair State University  
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043  
973- 655-7215  
drkunkelj@mail.montclair.edu

**AWARD:** NJPAC Award for Exceptional Promise in Music

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Performing Arts Center

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Students eligible for this award will be instrumental or vocal musicians and have participated in one of the following arts training programs at NJPAC: Jazz For Teens, Summer Youth Performance Workshop, Young Artists Institute, Youth Orchestra Festival, the Jeffrey Carollo Music Scholarship, The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the NJPAC/WYACT Summer Musical Production.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC art training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award.
- C. A committee comprised of the Directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate each students' talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

**DEADLINE:** March 1 annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

**CONTACT:**  
Caitlin Haughey, Director  
Arts Training  
NJPAC  
1 Center Street  
Newark, NJ 07102  
973-642-8989 x 5819

AWARD: NJPAC Award for Outstanding Promise in Jazz

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be jazz singers or instrumentalists who have participated in one of the following NJPAC arts training programs: Jazz for Teens, Summer Youth Performance Workshop, Young Art Institute, NJPAC/WYACT Summer Musical Program.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC arts training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award.
- C. A committee comprised of the directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate each student's talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:  
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:  
Caitlin Haughey, Director  
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**AWARD:** Student Award for Artistic Excellence and Leadership in Dance

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Dance New Jersey/a National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) affiliate

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Candidates must:

- A. Demonstrate artistry and technical excellence in the field of dance;
- B. Demonstrate outstanding leadership related to dance in the classroom, in the community, and/or at the national level;
- C. Be a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

Submissions for application to NDEO must include:

- A. Nomination narrative by a teacher (public school, private school or private studio);
- B. Narrative by the nominated student which should be a maximum of two typed, single spaced pages on 8 ½ X 11 inch paper and include separate sections addressing each of the Eligibility Criteria listed above;
- C. Student vita, including training, performance experience, dance-related activities in school, the community or on the national level;
- D. Letter of recommendation that addresses the Eligibility Criteria from an adult other than nominating teacher;
- E. Video or CD documenting student's artistic and technical excellence which shall not exceed the 12 minute time limit and may include a maximum of two dance genre (ballet, modern, jazz, tap or artistic and performance-based dance from another nation/culture.)

Up to two selections will be made by the Student Awards Committee.

**DEADLINE:** Application materials must be postmarked by February 28th annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

**CONTACT:**

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Dance New Jersey (an NDEO affiliate)  
PO Box 1453  
Highland Park, NJ 08904  
973-222-8844  
or  
Dale Schmid  
NJ Department of Education  
609-984-6308

**AWARD:** NJPAC Award for Exceptional Promise in Dance

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Performing Arts Center

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Students eligible for this award will be dancers who have participated in one of the following arts training programs at NJPAC: Young Artists Institute, Summer Youth Performance Workshop, The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the NJPAC/WYACT Summer Musical Production.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC arts training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award.
- C. A committee comprised of the directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate each student's talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

**DEADLINE:** March 1, annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

**CONTACT:**  
Caitlin Haughey, Director  
Arts Training  
NJPAC  
1 Center Street  
Newark, NJ 07102  
973-642-8989 x 5819

**AWARD(S):** The New Jersey Forensic League Speech Contest

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

**1. Original Oratory**

Contestants must deliver a memorized speech written entirely by himself/herself on a topic of his/her choosing. One Awardee.

**2. Foreign and Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking**

Contestants must deliver a speech on an unrehearsed topic. Two Awardees.

**3. Interpretation**

Contestants perform dramatic and/or humorous material. Six Awardees.

These awards recognize students who have won the state competition in March. Approximately 600 students from across the state compete every year.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Competitions are open to any high school student in New Jersey, but only those who qualify in the 15 preliminary contests can compete in the state competition in March.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students are selected through competitions that are judged by professionals in the field.
- B. Complete rules are available from any member of the Executive Board from New Jersey Forensic League.
- C. Students who are selected as the first place winners are eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

**DEADLINE:** April 1, annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

New Jersey Forensic League

**CONTACT:**

Vincent Borelli  
New Jersey Forensic League  
Long Branch High School  
391 Westwood Avenue  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
732- 229-7300 Ext. 2050

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey (STANJ)

**AWARD(S):**

1. **Dramatic Pair** (Two Students)
2. **Comedy Pair** (Two Students)
3. **Improvitational Acting** (Two Students)
4. **Comedy Monologue** (One Student)
5. **Dramatic Monologue** (One Student)
6. **Scene Competition** (One Student)
7. **Best Actor** (One Student)/**Best Actress** (One Student)

These awards recognize students who excel in the annual statewide speech competition. Up to 300 students from across the state have competed in the six categories listed above.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

All competitions are open to any high school student in New Jersey.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students are selected in categories through several preliminary rounds that are judged by professionals in the field.
- B. The professionals are looking for students who demonstrate consistent expertise through each of the rounds.
- C. Complete rules are available from any member of the STANJ Executive Board and the contact listed below.
- D. First place winners are eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

**DEADLINE:** February 5, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**

Christine Williams  
109 Glenwood Road  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**AWARD:** The Marie Walsh Sharpe Scholarship Program

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ)

The Marie Walsh Sharpe Scholarship Program is available to artistically gifted high school juniors. The seminar, held on the Colorado College campus, offers a visual arts studio program. This two-week institute of college-level drawing and painting instruction in a studio setting includes sessions concerning careers in art, the development of a portfolio, and art history, as well as small-group discussions with artists.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Brochures/applications are sent to every New Jersey high school in January, or they may be requested by writing to the foundation.
- B. Any artistically talented junior is eligible to apply.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Each student submits to the Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation a completed application form, ten slides of original work in a vinyl slide sheet, a written statement expressing reasons for wanting to participate, and a letter of recommendation from a high school art teacher.
- B. The foundation makes the selections.
- C. If a student from New Jersey is selected for the scholarship, he/she receives a Governor's Arts Award in Education.

**DEADLINE:** April, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Art Administrators of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**

The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation  
830 North Tejon Street, Suite 120  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
719- 635-3220  
or  
Mr. Robert McGarry  
Supervisor of Arts Education  
East Brunswick Public Schools  
760 Route 18  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
732-613-6985  
732-390-9307 (F)

**AWARD(S):** AANJ Visual Arts Achievement Award

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ)

This award is presented to high school students whose work demonstrates exceptional artistic ability in the areas of originality, creativity, craftsmanship, use of materials and design.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Only students who have been selected as award winners at AANJ's "Emerging Artist" Annual Juried High School Art show are eligible to submit portfolios.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. A slide portfolio of 8 to 10 works must be presented showing consistency and breadth of work.
- B. Each slide portfolio is reviewed by a three-member jury.
- C. The winner is informed within three days following the juried process by the chairperson of the Achievement Award Program.
- D. Applications are available by contacting the current president of AANJ by December 1.

**DEADLINE:** March 1, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Art Administrators of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**

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Jersey City Public Schools  
346 Claremont Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
201- 915-6043  
or  
Robert McGarry  
Supervisor of Arts Education  
East Brunswick Public Schools  
760 Route 18  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
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732-390-9307 (F)

**AWARD:** Scholastic Art and Photography Awards

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Scholastic Art Awards, Inc.

The Scholastic Art and Photography Awards recognize students from across the country for exceptional work in visual arts and photography.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. The regional portfolio competitions are open to any high school senior in New Jersey.
- B. Portfolios may also be submitted for the national award.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students submit portfolios in art and photography.
- B. Regional and national finalists are judged by panels of distinguished artists and art educators meeting at Scholastic, Inc.'s headquarters in New York City.
- C. Applications are available from Scholastic, Inc.
- D. New Jersey and national winners are eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

**DEADLINE:** Portfolios must be sent to arrive between February 1 and February 15 annually to Scholastic, Inc. Winners announced in May and June will receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education in the following year.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
Art Educators of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**  
Nicole Cohen  
Scholastic, Inc.  
555 Broadway  
New York, NY 10003  
212- 343-6890

**AWARD(S):** Rising Star Secondary Recognition Award

**AWARD SPONSOR:** National Art Education Association (NAEA)

The Secondary Art Achievement Award recognizes excellence in student artistic involvement at the high school level. The National Art Honor Society was begun in 1978 by NAEA for high school students in grades 10-12 to inspire and recognize those students who have shown an outstanding ability in the arts. The honor society also strives to aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in art areas and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Students who are active members of a National Art Honor Society chapter are eligible.
- B. The awardee must be enrolled as a high school student in the spring when the award is presented at the NAEA convention.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Applications must include a letter of nomination listing the student's name, home address and phone; school and grade as of October 1; the NAHS sponsor's name, school, chapter number, school address and phone, and five slides representing a variety of the student's art work.
- B. All work must be original and not copied from other sources. Slides must be submitted in a vinyl slide sheet and include a listing of titles and media.
- C. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, for slides to be returned.
- D. Submit to: National Secondary Division Director-Elect (Contact NAEA office for address).
- E. All portfolios are reviewed by members of the NAEA. Those who are considered for the award are interviewed. Winners are announced at the annual convention.

**DEADLINE:** October 1, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Art Educators of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**

Krista Jarrel  
Awards & Election Coordinator  
NAEA  
1916 Association Drive  
Reston, VA 22091

**AWARD(S):** Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship (Pratt Institute)

**AWARD SPONSOR:** National Art Education Association (NAEA)

This is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Pratt's School of Art and Design in New York. The scholarship recognizes brilliance in student art achievement and artistic involvement at the high school level.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Students who are active members of a National Art Honor Society chapter are eligible to apply.
- B. Students must be seniors in high school and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better in all college studies with an Art Education major.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Application packets must include a letter of nomination listing the student's name, home address and phone number; school and grade as of October 1; the sponsor's name, school, chapter number, school address and phone number; a written statement by the student stating his/her goals for further education in art; an official transcript of student's grades; and five slides representing a variety of the student's art work.
- B. All work must be original and not copied from other sources. Slides must be submitted in a vinyl slide sheet and include a listing of titles and media.
- C. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be enclosed for slides to be returned.
- D. Submit to: National Secondary Division Director-Elect (Contact NAEA office for address).
- E. All portfolios are reviewed by members of the NAEA. Those who are considered for the award are interviewed. Winners are announced at the annual convention.

**DEADLINE:** October 1, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
Art Educators of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**  
Krista Jarrel  
Awards & Election Coordinator  
NAEA  
1916 Association Drive  
Reston, VA 22091

**AWARD(S):** Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) Student Visual Art Scholarship Award

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

The Art Educators Visual Art Scholarships are awarded annually to one or two academically gifted individuals who wish to pursue study in the arts at the college level. The Art Educators of New Jersey reserve the right not to award scholarships in any given year.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Candidates for this award include high school seniors interested in pursuing the study of visual art or art education in any public or private school of higher education.
- B. The nominator must be an active member of AENJ for a period of at least two years.
- C. Upon certification by the AENJ Scholarship Committee with the ratification of the AENJ Executive Board, the award monies will be applied as tuition directly to the institution of higher learning. This award totals \$ 1,000.00.

A candidate for this award must:

- A. Be a U.S. citizen in his/her senior year of high school and/or completing his/her junior year;
- B. Have combined academic achievement scores of 950 or above on the SAT;
- C. Have class rank in the upper third;
- D. Have presented a portfolio or slides for evaluation;
- E. Present a letter of recommendation from a nominating art teacher who has had an active membership in AENJ for at least two years;
- F. Present two letters of recommendation and references concerning the applicant's personal character; and
- G. Present a personal statement indicating his/her art education study intention, a list of extracurricular activities, awards, and any additional information about personal educational achievements.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. A senior high school student scholarship form must accompany other requested materials.
- B. Submission Requirements: A candidate for the high school student scholarship must submit the following materials in one envelope mailed to the contact person:
  - 1. Six slides of applicant's art work representing a well-rounded experience. Please number the slides, indicate the top of the slide and identify them with the applicant's first and last names.
  - 2. Two letters of recommendation that indicate potential as an art student. One of the letters should be from an art educator who has worked with the applicant in the classroom and is a current active member of the AENJ for at least two years.

3. An essay of not less than 250 words and not more than 300 words, describing the applicant's personal background and interest in art. Please include all involvement in the arts outside of school, extra-curricular activities, exhibits, honors and awards.
4. An official high school transcript obtained from the school's guidance counselor, which includes grade point average as of December 31 of the current school year. This may be sent separately to the chair indicated.
5. A copy of current SAT scores.
6. If possible, a copy of a letter of acceptance from a college or art school.
7. The nominator's letter along with the above required letters of recommendation.
8. Proof of USA citizenship.
9. Completed scholarship form.

**DEADLINE:** February 15, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
Art Educators of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**  
Debbie Greh  
516 Farley Avenue  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076  
908-322-2651

**AWARD(S):** Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines

**AWARD SPONSOR:** National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

This national program evaluates and ranks high school literary magazines.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. This program is open to all senior high, junior high, and middle schools throughout the United States, Canada, and American schools abroad.
- B. A school may submit only one entry, a magazine published between September of the previous year and July of the entry year.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. *English Journal* publishes announcements of this program. Address queries or requests for application forms to NCTE's Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines: PRESLM, National Council of Teachers of English, 1111 W. Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801-1096.
- B. Criteria include literary quality, variety of writing included, design and artistic aspects, production values, and extent of student participation in the magazine's production.
- C. Each New Jersey magazine entry will be reviewed and scored by New Jersey high school or college English teachers working independently.
- D. If a New Jersey senior high school magazine published in the preceding school year attains a Highest Award, the editor(s)-in-chief recognized by NCTE will be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

**DEADLINE:** July 1, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

**CONTACT:**  
Mike Dundas  
31 Cromwell Drive  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
973-539-3032 x 207  
mdundas@gti.net

**AWARD:** New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE) Annual Writing Contest

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

This contest celebrates excellence in writing in several genres: poetry, prose fiction, prose nonfiction, science fiction and script writing.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. The contest is open to students in grades K - 12.
- B. Entries are grouped in four levels: grades kindergarten to three; four to six; seven to nine; and ten to twelve.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Application forms and guidelines are published in the fall NJCTE newsletter, "FOCUS."
- B. They may also be downloaded from [www.bergen.org/NJCTE](http://www.bergen.org/NJCTE) or obtained by sending a request with school addressed, stamped envelope to the contact person listed below.
- C. Applications should be submitted through a student's language arts/English teacher.
- D. Teams of language arts/English teachers working independently score anonymous entries.
- E. Judges do not evaluate entries from their own school districts.
- F. Criteria for excellence include quality and development of ideas, flavor and individuality, and control of language.
- G. Winners will be honored at an NJCTE celebration in the late spring.
- H. First-place winners in grades ten, eleven, and twelve will be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education.

**DEADLINE:** December, annually (Grades 10 - 12)  
January, annually (Grades K - 9)

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

**CONTACT:**  
Muriel Becker  
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Caldwell, NJ 07006-5217  
973-226-0853  
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**AWARD(S):** NJCTE Achievement Awards in Writing

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

The Achievement Awards in Writing are conferred in recognition of excellence in writing by high school juniors.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

New Jersey winners of NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing during the previous academic year are invited to compete for another honor, one of six Governor's Awards in Arts Education.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Nomination forms and specific rules are mailed to previously participating schools, and announcements are published each fall in the *English Journal*.
- B. Nominees demonstrate writing ability in two forms: first, in a sample of their best writing, in any form or genre, drafted and revised over time; and second, in a supervised, 75-minute impromptu essay on a subject responded to by all national candidates for the award in that year.
- C. Within each state, judging is completed by volunteer high school and college teachers, led by a state coordinator.
- D. The number of possible winners within a state is double the number of state representatives in Congress.
- E. A maximum of 28 Achievement Awards may be won in New Jersey in any given year.
- F. From the annual pool of Achievement Awards winners, six students are eligible each year to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education, based upon their responses to a brief essay administered and ranked by a panel of judges appointed by the NJCTE Executive Board.

**DEADLINE:** Support forms and writing sample are due in March.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

**CONTACT:**  
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42 Thornhill Lane  
Willingboro, NJ 08046  
609- 871-4766  
[bspinner@erols.com](mailto:bspinner@erols.com)

**AWARD(S):** Scholastic Writing Awards

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Scholastic, Inc.

Scholastic Writing Awards is the largest student writing program in the country. Winners are eligible for scholarships, cash prizes and certificates. Selected winning entries are published in May issues of Scholastic publications.

Eligible categories are short story, short short story, poetry, essay/nonfiction/opinion writing, dramatic script, humor, science fiction, and fantasy.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Students in grades 7 - 12 in public or nonpublic schools are eligible to apply.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Application forms may be obtained from the contact listed below.
- B. Should a New Jersey student in grades 10, 11, or 12 receive a Gold Award, that student will be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education the following year.

**DEADLINE:** Early January, annually

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

New Jersey Reading Association

**CONTACT:**

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards  
Scholastic Inc.  
557Broadway  
New York, NY 10012  
212- 343-6493

e-mail:

[a&wgeneralinfo@scholastic.com](mailto:a&wgeneralinfo@scholastic.com)

or

Janice Lake Betts  
NJ Reading Association  
1010 Route 50  
Petersburg, NJ 08270  
609- 628-2702

**AWARD(S):** New Jersey Young Playwrights Contest

**AWARD SPONSOR:** Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey (PTNJ)

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Any New Jersey student may apply.
- B. Entries are grouped for grades 4 - 6; 7 - 9; and 10 - 12.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Submissions to the New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival must be original scripts in dramatic form of no more than 20 pages and/or 20 minutes of performance time.
- B. No screenplays or adaptations of copyrighted work will be accepted.
- C. Scripts must be entirely written by one or more people who are ages 9 to 19.
- D. On collaborations, all writers must be in the age range of the division being entered.
- E. Plays must adhere to contest guidelines or they will not be accepted.
- F. Please contact Playwrights Theatre, or visit the website ([www.ptnj.org](http://www.ptnj.org)), for contest guidelines and information.
- G. All submissions are read by hired professionals.
- H. Each entrant receives two written critiques of his/her work.
- I. The high school and Spanish language high school winning playwrights are given New Jersey Governor's Awards in Arts Education.

**DEADLINE:** January 26, 2005 – High School (Grades 10-12) and Spanish Language (Grades 10-12)  
February 16, 2005 – Junior High School (Grades 7-9) and Elementary School (Grades 4-6)

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey

**CONTACT:**  
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Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey  
33 Green Village Road  
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Madison, NJ 07940  
973- 514-1787 ext. 21  
[alee@ptnj.org](mailto:alee@ptnj.org)

**AWARD:** NJPAC Award for Exception Promise in Acting

**AWARD SPONSOR:** New Jersey Performing Arts Center

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Students eligible for this award will be actors who have participated in one of the following arts training programs at NJPAC: Summer Youth Performance Workshop, Young Artists Institute, The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the NJPAC/WYACT Summer Musical Production.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:**

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC arts training programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. A committee comprised of the directors of the aforementioned programs will evaluate student's talent and dedication to determine the recipient.

**DEADLINE:** March 1, annually.

**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
New Jersey Performing Arts Center

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