2022-2023 Merit Scholarship Auditions

Saturday, March 19, 2022
9:00am – 12:00pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Plaza Studios)
1900 The Plaza

WHAT

Central to our mission, Arts+ seeks to honor musical excellence and ensure financial accessibility for all families by offering merit-based scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

WHO

Any Arts+ student
between age 6 and 18
is invited to audition.

HOW

Students are selected via audition on Saturday, March 19th, 2022.

Students should prepare an audition piece or excerpt of no more than 5 minutes in length.

The application process is described on the following page in detail.

There is no fee to audition.

WHEN

Application materials received via emailed no later than:
Fri. February 18th
(Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.)

Arts+ will communicate your audition time:
by **Wed. March 2nd**

Audition Day:
Sat. March 19th

Decisions will be communicated by:
Fri. March 25th

Steps to Applying

Please follow the below steps for applying to audition:

1. Discuss readiness with instructor.
2. Select one piece or excerpt of **no more than 5 minutes** for the audition.
3. Fill out the application on the final page of this information packet.
4. **Prepare a clean copy of the sheet music of your audition piece.**
    - **If you need an accompanist, submit the piano score which has the accompaniment part and the solo instrument/vocal part on the same page.** This copy will be used by the judges as well as the accompanist.
    - Arts+ will copy and provide this for the judges on the day of the audition on your behalf.
    - The only acceptable marks in the music would be to notate cuts, if necessary.
    - A selection with accompaniment is **not** required to audition.
5. Send the (1) application and (2) copy of the sheet music to the Director of Music Programs.
    - PDF Scans of all files emailed to *wsmith@artsplus.org*

If You Need an Accompanist

Students needing an accompanist must follow these steps:

1. When you submit your application, submit the piano score instead of the solo part. Please make any notations about cuts or changes to the music very clear, noticeable, and legible.
    - **Music received after Feb. 18th will not be considered**. The student can still audition but must do so without accompaniment.
    - Email address: wsmith@artsplus.org
2. The Music Programs team will contact parents to schedule one 20-minute rehearsal with the accompanist for the week of the audition. Only one 20-minute rehearsal is provided, so please take that into consideration with repertoire selection.

Adjudication Criteria

Students will be judged on the following eight categories:

Technique	Pitch Accuracy
Musicality	Rhythmic Accuracy
Tone Quality	Tempo
Dynamics	Articulation (instrumentalists) / Diction (vocalists)

Additional Audition Notes

- Students will be automatically disqualified if they are late to their audition time. Please plan plenty of time for parking and finding the venue.
- Students will be introduced to the adjudicators by an Arts+ staff member. Students may **not** speak to the adjudicators.
- Students will be stopped if they exceed the 5 minute limit.
- Adjudicators are independent, highly-qualified musicians and pedagogues. They are not members of the Arts+ Music Faculty.

Instructor Approval

- Students, Parents/Guardians, and Instructors **must** have a conversation **prior** to applying to discuss if the student is prepared to audition and represent Arts+ as a Merit Scholar.
- Instructors will be contacted by the Director of Music Programs to confirm approved students.

Expectations of Scholarship Recipients

- If selected for a Merit Scholarship, recipients and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will sign the Expectation Agreement for Arts+ Merit Scholars. This agreement outlines the following points:
    - Scholars are expected to take lessons with Arts+ both the fall and spring semesters. Scholarships do not go toward the summer session.
    - Scholars are expected to perform in the 2023 Merit and Senior Recital in May 2023.
    - Scholars will provide a headshot and a short 3-4 sentence biography to Arts+ to be used in the Merit Recital printed program and materials, as well as for various performance events.
    - Scholars will write a thank you letter in January 2023 to their specific scholarship donor, thanking them for the opportunity provided by their award. Arts+ will communicate specific details with families.
    - Scholars may occasionally be asked to represent Arts+ for scholarship donors, the Board of Directors, fundraising events, or various community events.

- Arts+ will recognize recipients in the following ways:
    - Scholars will be honored in recital programs by denoting the scholarship they hold.
    - Arts+ newsletters and social media posts will profile scholarship winners during the 2022-2023 school year.
    - Scholar biographies and headshots will be provided in the Merit Recital printed program and at various performance events as the event allows.
    - Arts+ will provide certificates to scholars and can assist in providing further documentation as needed for admissions to colleges and other programs when communicated well in advance.