

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S AWARDS IN ARTS EDUCATION

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INTRODUCTION

The Governor's Awards in Arts Education (GAAE) are designed to promote awareness and appreciation for the arts by honoring:

- Individual students (grades 9 through 12) and students who are classified, (age 14 - 21), who have achieved national/state recognition in the arts and attend public or nonpublic schools in New Jersey, and;
- Leaders in arts education who have demonstrated excellence and dedication in arts education (kindergarten through grade 12).

This guidebook contains a list of approved programs that nominate educators and students for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education. The list is a resource provided by the Governor's Awards in Arts Education Planning Council. Individuals interested in qualifying for these awards must contact the sponsors directly.

For additional information concerning the Governor's Awards in Arts Education, please contact:

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LEADERS IN ARTS EDUCATION

Leaders in arts education are individual adults who have demonstrated commitment to the arts and exceptional leadership, which have influenced arts education in the schools (K512) of New Jersey, including but not limited to:

Educators/administrators who have demonstrated excellence and dedication in arts education; and

State and/or nationally recognized leaders who have demonstrated commitment and made exceptional contributions to arts education in New Jersey.

A leader in arts education may receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education **only once** for each award category listed in this guidebook.

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Arts Education
Partnership

The New Jersey Arts Education Partnership recognizes a person who, through individual and collective action has had a sustained and significant statewide impact on the advancement and availability of arts education for New Jersey students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Individuals being considered for this award must demonstrate accomplishment of the following:

- A. A number of years of service to the State of New Jersey;
- B. A number of years of service actively providing support and guidance to the arts education field.
- C. Statewide impact for arts education;
- D. Originality of contributions to arts education;
- E. Lasting impact of their service; and
- F. Personal and professional commitment to arts education.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Names of potential candidates are solicited from Governance and Steering Committee board members, the Planning Council, and others in the field. The NJAEP Governance and Steering Committees select the recipient.

DEADLINE: There is no deadline – the award is made when appropriate.

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AWARD: Parent Arts Advocate Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Pride New Jersey

Art Pride New Jersey recognizes a parent who has connected the broader public community to arts education by increasing awareness of how the arts (visual or performing arts) positively affect the school and/or school district.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Parents being considered for this award must demonstrate accomplishment of the following:

- A. Civic engagement (building awareness of the value of arts education)
- B. Leadership within the school/district
- C. Commitment to his/her personal artistic education

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Names of potential candidates are solicited from Governance and Steering Committee board members, the Planning Council, art educators and others in the field. The Art Pride NJ Board of Trustees and the NJAEP Governance and Steering Committees select the recipient.

DEADLINE: May

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AWARD: Distinguished Service Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Young Audiences New Jersey
& Eastern Pennsylvania

Young Audiences New Jersey recognizes individuals who demonstrate sustained, innovative contributions to arts education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Individuals being considered for this award must demonstrate accomplishments in several of the following criteria:

- A. A number of years of service to the State of New Jersey.
- B. A number of years of service to Young Audiences New Jersey.
- C. Extended geographic reach of their service.
- D. Originality of contributions to arts education.
- E. Lasting impact of their service; and
- F. Recognition by other organizations.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Names of potential candidates are solicited from staff, volunteers, faculty, board members, the advisory council, and alumni. The Board of Directors selects the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 30th, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

Young Audiences New Jersey
& Eastern Pennsylvania

CONTACT:

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AWARD:

Corporate Philanthropy Award

AWARD SPONSOR:

Young Audiences New Jersey
& Eastern Pennsylvania

The Corporate Philanthropy Award is given to a member of the business community in recognition of the significant contributions they have made to the arts education field.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Eligible corporations are those who have demonstrated outstanding support for the arts education field in both financial giving and volunteerism.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

The Executive Staff of Young Audiences New Jersey nominates exemplary corporations who have shown outstanding support for arts education. Selection of the award will be made through a discussion and voting process conducted by the Executive Staff and Board of Directors.

DEADLINE: March 30th, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

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& Eastern Pennsylvania

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AWARD (S):

Education in the Arts Award

AWARD SPONSOR:

VSA New Jersey

Due to the varied placements of classified students, educators/administrators will be recognized in whatever New Jersey facility they serve students.

1. Outstanding Educator Award:

The Outstanding Educator Award is presented to outstanding educators who demonstrate support for and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in their schools/facilities and communities for classified students in special education programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates must have been involved with classified students in New Jersey self-contained and/or inclusive arts programs for a minimum of five years.
- B. Candidates must have demonstrated extensive influence within the community, which has benefited and/or promoted the arts for classified students.
- C. Candidates must have shared their expertise with others, e.g., students, parents, and other professionals.

DEADLINE: January annually

2. Outstanding Administrator Award:

The Outstanding Administrator Award is presented to outstanding administrators who demonstrate support and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in their schools and communities for classified students in special education programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. The candidates must have been involved as administrators with classified students in New Jersey arts programs for a minimum of five years.
- B. Support must be evidenced in two or more arts forms, e.g., music, dance, theater, visual arts, literary arts, media.
- C. Candidates must have demonstrated support for the arts for classified students through such areas as budget, accessible facilities, adaptive materials and equipment, availability of staff, specialists and/or consultants to properly implement programs, curriculum development, and scheduling.

- D. Supervisors/coordinators of a single art form qualify for this award if they meet criteria A and C.

DEADLINE: January annually

3. Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to arts education and have made exceptional contributions to arts education in New Jersey for classified students in arts programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The candidates must have been involved in endeavors that promote arts programs or experiences for classified students on a major scale over a period of time.

DEADLINE: January annually

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL VSA AWARDS:

- A. Applications for nominations 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, county, and state agencies. Announcements are made in professional publications. Applications are also available through the VSA/NJ office.
- B. An adult other than the candidate must submit a nomination.
- C. Applications are reviewed by the VSA arts of New Jersey Awards Committee and scored according to materials submitted with the application for the specific award.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

VSA New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

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VSA New Jersey
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New Brunswick, NJ 08901
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732-745-5935
732-745-3913(TTY)

AWARD: Distinguished Teaching Artist Award

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey State Council on the Arts
(NJSCA)

The purpose of this award is to publicly recognize excellence among teaching artists in the NJSCA Artists in Education (AIE) Program, New Jersey Writers Project and the Southern New Jersey/Camden Project. These artists have gone through a rigorous review process that assesses the artistic quality of their work and their ability to work well in an educational setting. All reapplying artists who have completed residencies in schools with continual success are eligible for this award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates must be reapplying artists to the NJSCA Artists in Education Program.
- B. Candidates must have residency experience through the Artists in Education Program.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Reapplying artists must meet the criteria set forth in the AIE Guidelines and Application and the required supplemental narrative information. The award is given to those reapplying artists who receive a perfect review from the AIE panel.

DEADLINE: Middle of February, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):
New Jersey State Council on the Arts

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AWARD:

Dance Education Award

AWARD SPONSOR:

NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Is currently or has been a teacher of dance in a public or private school, college, or university (excluding private studios).
- B. Promotes dance as part of the curriculum and as a performing art.
- C. Contributes to the growth of dance in the state of New Jersey.
- D. Conducts workshops and lectures and/or demonstrates a means to further educate teachers and students.
- E. Member of NJAPERD.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations may be submitted by any person (and may be a self-nomination).
- B. Nominations should be submitted to the Honor Awards Chairperson by November 15 of each year.
- C. Selection to be made by the Honor Awards Committee.

DEADLINE: November 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

New Jersey Association for Health, Recreation, Physical Education and Dance (NJAPERD)

CONTACT:

Gail Kriftner
41 Wanda Avenue
Wayne, NJ 07470
973-633-0395 (Home)
973-509-4278 (School)

AWARD:

Outstanding Language Arts
Educator of the Year

AWARD SPONSOR:

NJ Council of Teachers of English
(NJCTE)

The award recognizes a New Jersey public or nonpublic schoolteacher, supervisor, or administrator, pre5school to university level, whose work has significantly impacted English language arts education in New Jersey.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The nominee promotes English language arts education in a variety of ways. Foremost among them are successful classroom teaching, advising or coaching related extra5 curricular activities, supervising and mentoring teachers, publishing in professional journals, and participating in conferences and workshops

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Forms for nomination or self-nomination are available on the NJCTE website (www.njcte.com) and from the contact person listed below.
2. Nominations require four documents: a statement from the nominator explaining why the educator should receive the award, two letters of recommendation, and a full resume from the candidate.
3. The NJCTE Educator Award Committee reviews the applications, which are viable for three years, and presents the selected candidate to the NJCTE Executive Board for final approval.
4. NJCTE publicly recognizes the Educator of the Year with a presentation and plaque at a special event, typically the annual Spring Conference, honors the recipient for the year on its website, and recommends the recipient for a NJ Governor's Award in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: November 30, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

New Jersey Council of Teachers of
English (NJCTE)

CONTACT:

Julius Gottilla
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Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
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AWARD (S):

Outstanding Teacher of the Speech Arts

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition to an individual who has contributed significantly in the promotion of speech and forensic arts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The applicant must have done the following:

- A. Taught and/or coached the speech arts successfully for ten years;
- B. Developed curriculum for the speech and forensic arts in his/her school;
- C. Attended at least five individual speech tournaments and the state festival with the school's speech team;
- D. Coached one state champion;
- E. Coached one district champion;
- F. Worked effectively in their own school to promote the speech and forensic arts; and
- G. Added two references that will be able to support the nomination for Outstanding Teacher of the Speech Arts.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications are available from either the contact person listed or any member of the NJFL.
- B. Two letters of reference should be addressed to the nominating committee in care of Mrs. Mary Gormley at the address listed below.
- C. A committee of parents and teachers who are not on the executive board of the NJFL chooses the winner from the applications received.

DEADLINE: January, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

CONTACT:

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Vice President
New Jersey Forensic League
Montville Twp. High School
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Montville, NJ 07045
(973) 331-7100 ext. 2730
mary.gormley@montville.net

AWARD SPONSOR:

Speech and Theatre Association of
New Jersey, (STANJ)

AWARD (S):**1. Distinguished Service Theatre Award**

The Distinguished Service Theatre Award is given to an administrator who has demonstrated exceptional service to the arts in education. The individual must have been actively involved in endeavors that promote speech and theatre in education on a major scale. Those eligible include administrators of nonprofit agencies, arts in education programs, schools or colleges, and corporate/private institutions.

2. The Outstanding New Jersey Teachers of Speech and Theatre Awards

This award is presented to one teacher annually, who is a current member of the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey and exemplifies outstanding work and support of education and theatre to a non-partisan committee.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations may be made by STANJ members and will be accepted through January 30, annually.
- B. The nominating letter should delineate the candidate's contributions and qualifications for the award.
- C. Accompanying the letter should be a portfolio or binder of past accomplishments, programs, letters, etc. which will give a more complete picture of the candidate.
- D. Nomination information is printed in the STANJ newsletter or is available from any executive committee member.
- E. The nominees are selected through a careful screening process done by the committee.

DEADLINE: January 30, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

Speech and Theatre Association of New
Jersey (STANJ)

CONTACT:

Christine Williams
109 Glenwood Road
Cranford, NJ 07016
908-272-5481

AWARD (S):**1. Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) Distinguished Achievement Award****ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a current member of the National Art Education Association with five or more consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must have 10 or more years of outstanding service and leadership to AENJ.
- C. Must be or have been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, or administrator of the visual arts.

2. Anthony Guadiello Service Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a current member of AENJ with at least five consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must be or have been a teacher, coordinator, supervisor, or administrator of the visual arts.
- C. Must have demonstrated active AENJ committee service and leadership during a minimum period of at least two years.

3. John Pappas Recognition Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must demonstrate strong support of visual arts education at the local and/or state levels.
- B. Recipient must be a non-art educator.

4. Master Teacher Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a member of AENJ for at least three consecutive years.
- B. Must be recommended by a panel of three evaluators following observations during several regular teaching days (maximum of 3) at a scheduled prearranged time. Evaluators are qualified retired AENJ members.
- C. Must be certified to teach the visual arts by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- D. Must have completed a minimum of five years of visual arts teaching in a New Jersey school.
- E. Must have a letter of recommendation from a school administrator and/or supervisor when the nominee is actively employed in a school district.
- F. Evaluators must consider the following in making their recommendations:
 1. Candidate must demonstrate advocacy for visual arts education;
 2. Candidate must perform professional activities at local, state and/or national levels;
 3. Candidate must demonstrate an awareness of the literature, research and current issues in the field;
 4. Candidate must demonstrate personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties;

5. Candidate must demonstrate involvement in developing innovative curriculum;
6. Candidate must demonstrate an ability to implement the national and state core curriculum content standards;
7. Candidate must meet the needs and interests of students in a creative manner, bringing about learning, growth and development as set forth in the national and state core course proficiency standards;
8. Candidate must demonstrate an awareness and be cognizant of the literature, research and current issues in the field of visual arts education;
9. Candidate must demonstrate personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties;
10. Candidate must be involved in developing innovative curriculum and methodology.

AWARD SPONSOR:

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Those wishing to make a nomination should send a resume and supporting letters along with the AENJ application form.
- B. The Awards Committee will make final decision in the selection of the award recipients with the approval of the Executive Board of the AENJ.

DEADLINE: March 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:

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

AWARD:

Lifetime Achievement Award

AWARD SPONSOR:

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

This Lifetime Achievement Award is designed to honor members of Art Educators of New Jersey who have exemplified a professional lifetime of achievement in leadership, scholarship, and service to Art Educators of New Jersey and visual arts education. This recognition is based on the National Art Educators Association Fellows Recognition Program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for this award, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The candidate must have demonstrated a minimum of 15 years of exemplary and ongoing involvement, leadership, scholarship and professional service to Art Educators of New Jersey.
- B. The candidate must have been a member of the National Art Educators Association for a minimum of fifteen years.
- C. The number of fellows (those who have already received this award) cannot exceed one percent of the total membership of Art Educators of New Jersey.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations come from fellows and must be approved by the Executive Board of AENJ.
- B. The award winners are contacted by the president of the association and are announced at the Annual Fall Conference and in the AENJ Newsletter and posted on the Web site: www.aenj.org.

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by March 1.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

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AWARD (S):

Youth Art Month Awards (YAM)

1. **Claire Flanagan Memorial Award**
2. **The Youth Art Month Award of Excellence**
3. **The Youth Art Month Award of Merit**
4. **Certificate of Commendation**

National awards are presented to the state YAM coordinators who have done the most outstanding jobs in celebrating and documenting their states Youth Art Month programs.

AWARD SPONSOR (S):

The Council for Art Education, Inc.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Reports are submitted by July 15 of each year and should follow guidelines prepared by the sponsoring organizations.
- B. Each report should be comprehensive and imaginative and will be reviewed and evaluated by the Committee to Promote Art Education.
- C. Criteria include: media coverage, high involvement of art educators, governmental awareness, and support for art education positions and programs.

DEADLINE: July 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:

Sarah Skarinka
National Youth Art Month
Coordinator
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Hanson, MA 02341
781-293-4100

AWARD (S):**1. National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Distinguished State Art Educator Award**

To honor one outstanding NAEA member in each state whose service and contribution to art education merit statewide recognition and acclaim. Each association picks its own art educator of the year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Must be a current member of the National Art Education Association with five or
- B. More consecutive years of membership.
- C. Must have 10 or more years of outstanding service and leadership to AENJ.
- D. Must be or have been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, or administrator in visual arts.
- E. Nominees must hold membership in the state/province for which they are nominated.
- F. The national award is open, but not limited to, past recipients of state/province awards.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

2. National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Art Educator National Award

The award is given to recognize outstanding service and achievement of national significance by a NAEA member during the previous year to the field of art education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Active NAEA members.
- B. Nominees must hold membership in the state/province for which they are nominated.
- C. The national award is open, but not limited to, past recipients of state/province awards.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

3. NAEA Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize outstanding achievement, service and contributions by NAEA members to the field of art education and to the national and state/province association.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

NAEA membership

DEADLINE: October, annually.

4. The Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award

- A. In recognition of her pioneer work in the development of NAEA as the national professional organization, this award is presented in honor of NAEA's third president, Marion Quin Dix.
- B. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding service and contributions to the profession by a state/province association officer in the performance and/or development of specific programs, goals, or activities at the state association level.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA state/province association officer.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

5. NAEA Elementary, Middle School, Secondary, and Supervision and Administration Division Awards Q Regional/National

- A. Each year these three divisions of NAEA recognize outstanding art educators who have made significant contributions to art education.
- B. The achievements of the proposed nominees could be, but are not limited to, the development of a program, project, theory, text, workshop, conference, handbook, or event that could promote or add significantly to elementary/secondary students, and/or supervision and administration.
- C. There are five categories: The National Award, the Eastern Regional Award, the Southeastern Regional Award, the Western Regional Award, and the Pacific Regional Award.
- D. The National Award recipient is chosen from past regional awardees.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Nominees must spend at least 51 percent of their working day in the job division for which they are nominated and must be members of NAEA. For the National Division Award, nominees are generally, but not exclusively, taken from the present and previous year's regional division award recipients. Division members at large may also be nominated.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Eastern Regional and National awardees only are eligible for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

6. Lowenfeld Award

Publicized in the NAEA Newsletter, this annual award, which was established as a tribute to Victor Lowenfeld and first given in 1960, honors an individual who has made significant contributions to art education over the years. The recipient usually gives the “Lowenfeld Lecture” at the National Conference.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA member or distinguished contributor to the art education profession.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

7. National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award

- A. This award, first given in 1985, is presented in an effort to recognize merit and achievement for those art educators who have provided leadership and service in making art education a significant and worthwhile contribution to the education of the nation’s youth.
- B. Publicized in the NAEA Newsletter, this award is presented to an NAEA member who sponsors NAHS in his or her school and who has an outstanding chapter.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any sponsor of an active National Art Honor Society Chapter.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

AWARD SPONSOR:

National Art Education Association
Awards

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER (S):
Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

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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: David Grant Arts Education Activist Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Pride New Jersey

Art Pride New Jersey recognizes a student who has connected the broader public community to arts education by increasing awareness of how the arts (visual or performing arts) positively affect the school and/or school district.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students being considered for this award must demonstrate accomplishment of the following:

- A. Civic engagement (building awareness of the value of arts education)
- B. Leadership within the school/district
- C. Commitment to his/her personal artistic education

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Names of potential candidates are solicited from Governance and Steering Committee board members, the Planning Council, art educators and others in the field. The Art Pride NJ Board of Trustees and the NJAEP Governance and Steering Committees select the recipient.

DEADLINE: May Annually

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AWARD:

Arts Education Award

AWARD SPONSOR:Young Audiences New Jersey &
Eastern Pennsylvania

The Emerging Artists Creativity Hub (EACH) is a 14-week long, Saturday intensive for students who have demonstrated or show potential talent in the arts. Students entering grades 8 through 12 are eligible to participate. The EACH program offers an interdisciplinary, pre-professional curriculum in performing, literary, visual and media arts. A scholarship program is available based upon merit and need. Our artists community is multicultural and welcoming to students with special needs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

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

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must successfully complete the audition workshop process which is open to performers, writers, visual and mediate artists.
- B. Participants are evaluated for their receptivity to new ideas, their willingness to take risks and their readiness for interdisciplinary arts intensive.
- C. Four students may be selected for awards in the aforementioned curricular areas.
- D. Contact Young Audiences New Jersey for applications.

DEADLINE: March 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:Young Audiences New Jersey &
Eastern Pennsylvania**CONTACT:**Adam Nicolai
Arts Education Program Associate
Young Audiences New Jersey &
Eastern Pennsylvania
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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)

ACT5SO 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 ACT5SO 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 ACT5SO 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:

Deborah Smith-Gregory, State
Chairperson NAACP/ACT5SO 30
Clinton Street, 5th Floor . Newark, NJ
07102 or Anana Kambon
National ACT-SO Coordinator
4805 Mt. Hope Drive. Baltimore, MD

AWARD (S):

VSA New Jersey-Arts Excellence Awards

AWARD SPONSOR:

VSA 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 in5person 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. An adult other than the candidate must submit a nomination.
- D. Applications must be returned to VSA/NJ by the date specified on the application form.
- E. The VSA New Jersey Awards Committee reviews applications.
- F. Final selection is based on the written application; a portfolio and an in5person 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 Annually**PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:**

VSA New Jersey

CONTACT:

Vanessa Young, Executive Director
 VSA New Jersey
 703 Jersey Avenue
 New Brunswick, NJ 08901
 732-745-3885 or 745-5935

AWARD (S):

Dr. Frank Strockbine, Jr. Excellence
Award in the Performing Arts

AWARD SPONSOR:

VSA 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. An adult other than the candidate must make nominations for this award.
- 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: January annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

VSA New Jersey

CONTACT:

Vanessa Young, Executive Director
VSA New Jersey
703 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
732-745-3885/732 -745-4524 (FAX)

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. Student's 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 All5State 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, 2012. South – April 2, 2012.

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):

Governor's Award for Opera

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Music Educators
Association (NJMEA)

Highest Scoring Female/Male

Highest Scoring Small Ensemble (Madame Paounova award)

Highest Scoring Large Ensemble (Francesca Kubian-Geidel)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students must attend a high school in New Jersey, be sponsored by a music teacher who holds a valid Music Educator's Association membership and perform an aria from an Opera or Operetta.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Application forms are available in the Spring and Fall edition of TEMPO magazine. Students audition at Paramus High School the second week of October before a panel of Metropolitan Opera judges. Those selected perform at the Opera Festival in November.

DEADLINE: Applications are received in early October.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Music Educators
Association

CONTACT:

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NJMEA All-State Opera Festival Chair
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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 All5State 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:

Gordon Tedeschi
10 Drake Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854
732-980-9360 / teddy1@comcast.net
Or
East Brunswick High School
380 Cranbury Road
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
732-613-6969

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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AWARD:

Excellence in Music

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be singers and instrumentalists in grades 9-11 who have participated in one of the following Arts Education programs at NJPAC:

Brick City Jazz Orchestra
Jeffrey Carollo Music Scholarship
Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts
Young Artist Summer Intensive
Wells Fargo Jazz for Teens

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC Arts Education programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. Students will be required to submit a résumé outlining artistic achievements and a one-page personal statement discussing their artistic goals.
- D. An NJPAC Arts Education committee will evaluate the student's artistic achievements and promise to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 31

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT :
Alison Scott-Williams
Assistant Vice President
Arts Education
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102

AWARD:

Exceptional Promise in Music

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be singers and instrumentalists in grades 5-12 who have participated in one of the following Arts Education programs at NJPAC:

The Johnny Mercer Foundation Musical Theater Program

Sarah Vaughan Jazz Vocal Residency

NJPAC In-School Residencies in Music

NJPAC Young Artist Institute

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must be participating in one of the aforementioned NJPAC Arts Education programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. An NJPAC Arts Education committee will evaluate the student's artistic promise to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 31

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:

Alison Scott-Williams
Assistant Vice President
Arts Education
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102

AWARD: Student Award for Artistic Excellence and Leadership in Dance

AWARD SPONSOR: Dance New Jersey

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 state level
- C. Be a New Jersey high school junior or senior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (out of 4).

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. **Nomination narrative by a teacher** (public school, private school or private studio);
- B. **Student Essay** (maximum 300 words) Essay must address the question: "How have you come to appreciate dance and what are your dance-related goals?"
- C. **Student resume/vita**, including training, performance experience, dance-related activities in school, the community or on the state level;
- D. **DVD Documenting Student s Artistic and Technical Excellence** The DVD must not exceed 8 minutes and may include a maximum of two dance genre (ballet, modern, jazz, tap or artistic and performance-based dance from another nation/culture.) At least one piece must be a solo work; if using a group work, applicant must be easily identifiable. Information about the choreographer of the piece(s) must be provided. (The DVD returned only upon request.)

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

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Dance New Jersey

CONTACT:

Macada Brandl
Executive Director
Dance New Jersey
PO Box 326
Fanwood, NJ 07023
973-222-8844
Email: mbrandl@dancenj.org

AWARD:

Excellence in Dance

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be dancers in grades 9-11 who have participated in one of the following Arts Education programs at NJPAC:

**Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts
Young Artist Summer Intensive**

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC Arts Education programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. Students will be required to submit a résumé outlining artistic achievements and a one-page personal statement discussing their artistic goals.
- D. An NJPAC Arts Education committee will evaluate the student's artistic achievements and promise to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 31

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:

Alison Scott-Williams
Assistant Vice President
Arts Education
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102

AWARD:

Exceptional Promise in Dance

AWARD SPONSOR:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be dancers in grades 9-11 who have participated in one of the following Arts Education programs at NJPAC:

**Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts
Young Artist Summer Intensive**

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must be participating in one of the aforementioned NJPAC Arts Education programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. An NJPAC Arts Education committee will evaluate the student's artistic promise to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 31

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

CONTACT:

Alison Scott-Williams
Assistant Vice President
Arts Education
NJPAC
1 Center Street
Newark, NJ 07102

AWARD (S): Student Awards: Speech and Theatre

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.

4. Debate

Students compete in four areas of debate: 6 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:

Mary Gormley
 Vice President
 New Jersey Forensic League
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 100 Horseneck Road
 Montville, NJ 07045
 (973) 331-7100 ext. 2730
 mary.gormley@montville.net

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 an intensive visual arts studio program. This two-week institute of college-level drawing and painting instruction in a studio setting includes sessions concerning careers in arts, 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 complete application form, 6 – 10 images on a CD or in a vinyl slide sheet of original work, a written statement expressing the most memorable experience of the student's life, 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 Award.

DEADLINE: April, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Administrators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

Mrs. Joan Hajducsek Rosen
 President
 Arts Administrators of New Jersey
 195 West 26th Street
 Bayonne, New Jersey 07002
 201-401-6678
 joan.rosen311@gmail.com

or The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation
 725 North Tejon Street
 Colorado Springs, CO 80903
 719-635-3220
 www.sharpeartfdn.org

AWARD (S):

AANJ Visual Arts Achievement Award

AWARD SPONSOR:

Art Administrators of New Jersey
(AANJ)

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Only students who have been selected as award winners at the AANJ “Emerging Artist” Annual Juried High School Art Exhibit are eligible to submit portfolios.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. A portfolio of 10 digital images on a CD must be presented showing consistency and breadth of work.
- B. A jury reviews each CD portfolio.
- C. A winner is informed within three days following the juried process by the chairperson of the Visual Arts Achievement Award Program.
- D. Applications are distributed at the AANJ “Emerging Artist” exhibit to the Merit and Honorable Mention Award students.

DEADLINE: End of February, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Art Administrators of New Jersey

CONTACT:

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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. Members of the NAEA review all portfolios. 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. Members of the NAEA review all portfolios. 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

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| AWARD (S): | Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) |
| AWARD SPONSOR: | Student Visual Art Scholarship Award 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 artwork 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):

NJCTE Writing Awards

AWARD SPONSOR:

The New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

The highest scoring student winners of the annual NJCTE writing contest in each of the three categories – Essay, Fiction, and Poetry – and NCTE’s AAW top scorer become NJCTE’s Governor’s Awards in Arts Education recipients.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students must enter the annual NJCTE writing contest or NCTE’s Achievement Awards in Writing and be selected as the top scorer to receive this award.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Students achieve this recognition by going through the writing contest process.

DEADLINE: The annual NJCTE writing contest ends in mid-December. The AAW candidates must be nominated by mid-February. Check exact deadlines each year.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Council of Teachers of English

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AWARD (S):

New Jersey Young Playwrights
Contest & Festival – High School
Division

AWARD SPONSOR:

Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey

The award is given to winning high school playwrights (grades 10-12) whose original one-act plays are selected by a panel of theatre professionals following multiple rounds of review and critique.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. New Jersey students in grades 4-12 may enter a play in the contest.
2. Entries are grouped for grade levels 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.
3. Only applicants in the 10-12 grades are eligible for the Governor's Award.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Submissions to the NJ Young Playwrights Contest & Festival must be original scripts in dramatic form of no more than 20 minutes of performance time (roughly 20 typed pages).
2. Screenplays or adaptations of copyrighted work will NOT be accepted.
3. Scripts submitted to other contests are welcome; however, scripts that were previously submitted to the NJ Young Playwrights Contest are not eligible.
4. Scripts must be entirely written by one or more people who are ages 9 to 19. On collaborations, all writers must be in the age/grade range of the division being entered. No more than five (5) authors per collaboration please.
5. Each entrant receives written critique of his/her work.
6. The winning high school playwrights (grades 10-12) are given a New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education.
7. Plays must adhere to contest guidelines, or they will not be accepted. For guidelines and information, please visit the Festival website at www.njypf.org.

DEADLINE: Mid-January. Please see website for specific dates each year
www.njypf.org

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey

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AWARD:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

AWARD SPONSOR:

Exception Promise Theatre

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be actors, singers, and dancers in grades 5-12 who have participated in one of the following Arts Education programs at NJPAC:

The Johnny Mercer Foundation Musical Theater Program
NJPAC In-School Residencies in Theatre
NJPAC Young Artist Institute

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must be participating in one of the aforementioned NJPAC Arts Education programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. An NJPAC Arts Education committee will evaluate the student's artistic promise to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 31

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

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Alison Scott-Williams
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NJPAC
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AWARD: New Jersey Performing Arts Center

AWARD SPONSOR: Excellence in Theatre

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Students eligible for this award will be actors, singers, and dancers in grades 9-11 who have participated in one of the following Arts Education programs at NJPAC:

**Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts
Young Artist Summer Intensive**

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Students must audition and be accepted into one of the NJPAC Arts Education programs.
- B. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be considered for the Governor's Award in Arts Education.
- C. Students will be required to submit a résumé outlining artistic achievements and a one-page personal statement discussing their artistic goals.
- D. An NJPAC Arts Education committee will evaluate the student's artistic achievements and promise to determine the recipient.

DEADLINE: March 31

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER:
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