

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
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Scholarship Program

FOR UNDERGRADUATE & TRADE SCHOOL APPLICANTS

Will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who attend a Prince William County, Manassas City or Manassas Park School systems and who plans on attending a two-year or four-year university/college or trade school.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

MISSION:

The Creative And Performing Arts Center (CAPAC) provides underrepresented youth and adults with educational opportunities in theater and in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to promote problem-solving, collaboration, and leadership skills.



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SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Creative And Performing Arts Center will award five deserving students one of the scholarships as described below.

The Albert J. Williams Theater -- \$1,000 Scholarship

Graduating seniors applying and accepted to a 4-year college/university as a theater major can apply for The Albert J. Williams Theater Scholarship. Applicants must show a grade of B or higher on their transcript in their theater classes or have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher if they have not had previous theater course experiences.

The Gregory Robinson S.T.E.M -- \$1,000 Scholarship

Graduating seniors applying and accepted to a 4-year college/university and applying as a science, technology, engineering, and math (S.T.E M) majors are eligible to apply for the Gregory Robinson S.T.E.M Scholarship. Applicants must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher.

The Jennie Dean Trade School -- \$1,000 Scholarship

Graduating seniors applying and accepted to a training program that prepares students with skills for careers in the following industries are eligible to apply electrical, HVAC, carpentry, plumbing, welding, roofing, welding, and masonry. To be eligible, students must apply to a technical college, a training academy, or a quick-start program. Applicants must show a grade of B or higher on their transcript in their technical education classes or have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher if no previous technical course experience has been taken.

The Gwendolyn T. Jackson Volunteer -- \$1,000 Scholarship

Graduating seniors who are applying to a 4-year college or university and have at least 100 hours of documented community service/volunteer hours, are eligible to apply for the Volunteer Scholarship. Applicants must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher.

The KEYS ACADEMIC -- \$1,000 Scholarship

Graduating seniors applying and accepted to a 4-year college/university can apply for The KEYS Academic Scholarship. Applicants must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher and a resume reflecting a successful balance between academic and extracurricular activities. The KEYS Academic Scholarship is not major-specific.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR APPLICANTS

The Creative And Performing Arts Center (CAPAC) is honored to announce our scholarships for graduating high school seniors who attend a Prince William County, Manassas City or Manassas Park school systems.

CAPAC's Scholarship Program provides scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors pursuing paths of study at either a two-year or four-year educational institution or trade school. Our organization aims to promote and assist students who are readying themselves for college through this essay competition. The award recipient will receive a stipend toward tuition at the college/ university or trade school of their choice.

Scholarship recipients must attend their senior scholarship award program to receive the scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee requests that all completed application materials, including a color photo of the applicant, be submitted electronically to **SCHOLARS@CAPACWEB.ORG**.

Please ensure the packet is neat and professionally prepared. The picture that you provide will be posted on our social media and may be used for our future scholarship publications.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions for essential guidance on the best way to complete the application form.

Before you begin the application form, please read the entire scholarship packet. By reading through the scholarship packet, you will gain insight into the history of the scholarship, find out who is eligible to apply, become aware of the qualifications, and learn how the reviewers will evaluate applications and select recipients. A photo of the applicant must accompany the scholarship application.

Please use the application form and create a title page for the essay topic. Please be sure to complete the forms correctly. You can use your village to help you complete the application packet, e.g., parents, high school counselors, teachers, friends, etc. Only complete applications will be accepted. Failure to follow instructions will lead to disqualification.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

QUALIFICATIONS/EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Cumulative GPA: 2.5 - 4.0 (Please note: different scholarship categories, have different GPA requirements)
- Applicants must be a Prince William County, Manassas City or Manassas Park resident.
- Graduating High School Senior
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendations:
 1. Academic -One letter of recommendation must be from subject matter teacher
 2. One letter of recommendation from a community leader (e.g. professional school counselors, youth group/scout leader or clergy, etc..)
- Scholastic Record (Official School Transcript) University/College Acceptance Letter to include Student ID#

**Please do not wait until the last minute... Start early!
DEADLINE APRIL 29, 2024.**

Your completed application, including all required attachments, must be postmarked, and received by April 29, 2024. Incomplete and late applications will **not** be considered.

Applicants shall submit one typed essay in response to one of the topics below:

Essay Topics: (choose one)

• The Arts

In recent years, many school districts have had to make the difficult choice to cut art programs. How important is art education to you and why?

• Artificial Intelligence

What are the pros and cons of CHATGPT? How does artificial intelligence impact your life now and in the future?

• Supreme Court Decision

Referencing the **Supreme Court's decision** on Affirmative Action, draw upon examples from your life, your character quality, and your unique ability. Describe how you believe your goals for a college education might be impacted, influenced, or affected by the Court's decision.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- Resident of Prince William County, Manassas City or Manassas Park
- Graduating High School Senior
- Pursuing an Undergraduate Academic Degree or Trade School certification
- Beginning College or trade school in the Fall 2024
- Cumulative GPA: 2.5/4.0 – 3.0/5.
- O scale

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Completed scholarship application.
- 500 Word Essay (Typed) - Double Space - 12-point Font - Times New Roman
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from the following sources: professional school counselors, youth group/scout leader or clergy, etc. Not to exceed one (1) page.
- Proof of College Enrollment for Fall 2024 to include Student ID Number (enrollment will be verified)
- Electronic High School Transcript
- List of current school activities and organizations
- Community Service Report
- A clear color photo in (Printed) or in a JPEG format. Send to **SCHOLARS@CAPACWEB.ORG**.

HONORS/AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Scholarship funds will be released directly to the college/university, once the recipient submits evidence of his/her enrollment (i.e., proof of registration, school's bursar information, etc.) to the Scholarship Committee **SCHOLARS@CAPACWEB.ORG**

Additional copies of the application forms may be downloaded from our website at **CAPACWEB.ORG** We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Scholarship Committee



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

M

F

Email

Home Phone

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Selected College/University: Major or trade school (if known):

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

**(Please note, please feel free to attach your academic resume).*

List types of school-sponsored activities, including sports, clubs, student government, newspaper, etc. Discuss leadership roles, accomplishments, hours per week or month, and extent of involvement. List any academic awards or honors received

School Sponsored Activities:

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Leadership:

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Accomplishments/Awards:

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Community Service Involvement

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JUDGING CRITERIA

Scholarship essay submissions can receive a maximum score of 100 points, according to the following measurements:

FOCUS/DEVELOPMENT – 40 POINTS:

The main message of the piece, the theme, with supporting details that enrich and develop that theme.

- Writing clear connection to the selected prompt.
- A topic is developed to fully respond to the prompt.

CONVENTIONS/MECHANICS/SPELLING – 25 POINTS:

The mechanical correctness of the piece; spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and paragraphing.

- Frequent errors will result in the loss of points.
- Provides transitions and variety of sentences.
- Accurate use of punctuation, grammar, and spelling in the essay.

WORD CHOICE/LANGUAGE – 10 POINTS:

The use of rich, colorful, and precise language that moves and enlightens the reader.

- The rhythm and flow of the language
- The sound of word patterns
- The way in which the writing plays to the ear, not just to the eye.
- The student's word choice is formal and academic.
- Language is sophisticated, natural, and not repetitious.
- Profanity language is unacceptable.

ORIGINALITY/ORGANIZATION – 10 POINTS:

The internal structure, thread of central meaning, logical and sometimes intriguing pattern, or sequence of the ideas.

- Strong, engaging introduction which may include quote/anecdote/statistic with source and shows individual's personality. (Avoid poses questions or providing dictionary definitions.) - Avoids clichés and generic statements.
- Appropriate and collegiate presentation of ideas.

PERSONAL DETAILS – 10 POINTS:

The unique perspective of the writer evident in the piece with compelling ideas, engaging language, and revealing details - Multiple examples in the essay show the activities, skills, experiences, community service, awards, talents, major, future occupation, etc. of the student.

CAPAC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – 5 POINTS:

If you were a volunteer or a participant in one of the CAPAC performances or CAPAC event.

WORD COUNT – 5 POINTS:

Meets the required minimum 2-3 pages requirements.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation will consider the applicant's entire package to include the essay, extra-curricular activities, grades/GPA, and financial need as part of an integrated assessment.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I _____, give permission for my child _____, to apply for the 2024 Creative And Performing Arts Center (CAPAC). Scholarship.

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone/Cell Number:

Parent /Legal Guardian Email Address:

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

The Parent/Legal Guardian will be Cc: on email on all correspondence when notification is sent to the scholarship recipient(s).

I hereby declare that the information provided, in this packet, is true and accurate. I understand that any dishonesty e.g. false information/plagiarism, may lead to refusal of this application.

Student Signature