

**Greater Meriden Area Arts Council
2011 EDUCATION AWARDS FOR THE ARTS**

The Greater Meriden Area Arts Council will award grants of money to encourage high-school students to pursue the arts or an arts career beyond graduation from high school. The art fields include literary, performing, visual, music, dance, and theater.

Award Requirements:

1. Candidates shall be residents of the greater Meriden, CT area (including Southington and Wallingford).
2. Candidates are currently seniors who will be graduating from high school at the end of the current academic year (2010-2011).
3. Candidates must show achievement in at least one of the arts fields listed above in conjunction with a desire to continue learning in that field in order to enter it as a vocation or avocation.
4. Candidates must submit proof that he/she has been accepted into a formal education program and is entered into a program of study to pursue the stated art form. A school acceptance letter is the preferred method of proof.
5. Candidates must complete an interview with the Awards Committee.

Application Deadline: **April 1, 2011**

Part I: General Information

Candidate's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

High School Currently Attending: _____

High School Address: _____

Anticipated H.S. Graduation Date: _____

College/University/Post-Secondary Program Information

Name of School/Program: _____

Address: _____

Intended Major of Study:

List your Community Activities:

List any Honors, Awards, and Prizes from your High School and Community:

Years of training in:

Art Form	Type	# of Years
Dance		
Vocal		
Instrumental		
Drama		
Literary/Writing		
Visual Arts		

Part II: Letter of Intent

Name of applicant: _____

In a well-developed essay of 250 words, use the space below to describe your interests in, aptitude for, and commitment to the arts.

Sign and date your letter.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Part III: Letters of Recommendation:

Include two recent letters of recommendation. One recommendation is to be written by a teacher. Both recommendations must be written by adults who have knowledge of your character as well as your interest and commitment to the arts. (None should be from a family member.)

Part IV: A Portfolio of Your Art Form

Visual Arts: Your portfolio should include no less than ten (10) but no more than twenty-five (25) examples of your best work. Do not send your art portfolio. Send your application only. Bring your art portfolio with you at the time of the interview. The Awards Committee will notify you of the April/May date for your portfolio interview.

Performing Arts: Submit a 2-3 minute videotape or DVD of your performance with your application and mail it to the address below. The Awards Committee will notify you of the April/May date for your interview.

Literary Arts: Submit a manuscript of your literary works. Include your manuscript with your application and mail to the address below. The Awards Committee will notify you of the April/May date for your interview.

The Awards Committee will notify all finalists of their interview dates to be determined in April 2010.

All applications and materials must be submitted by **April 1, 2011** to the following address:

MAC Educational Awards Committee
Post Office Box 2334
Meriden, CT 06450