

2026 Producers Scholarship Information

The Producers will award five \$1500 scholarships to selected students in the YPAS Class of 2026. The scholarships are awarded to students who score the highest throughout the application process, including an interview, a written essay, and recommendations. To be eligible, students must be a YPAS major and must be pursuing the arts post high school (through either traditional or non-traditional means).

Criteria for The Producers Scholarships:

1. Applicants must be a current senior with a YPAS major.
2. Applications must plan to pursue the arts through either traditional paths (college, conservatory, or other post-secondary education), or non-traditional paths (pursuing the arts on their own). This includes, but is not limited to, a major, minor, or certification in the following specialized areas: performance, behind the scenes production, technical production, or performance education.

Application Packet:

1. Completed application form
2. Resume
3. Two (2) recommendations (must include at least one YPAS educator)

Application Overview:

The scholarship application can be accessed through the Producers website: <https://www.ypasproducers.org/> or through [this link](#).

The first step in the application process is to complete the online application. All students who submit an application will be invited to an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

You MUST use your JCPS student email throughout the application process.

Students must complete the following steps to submit their application:

- Complete the personal information section
- Provide the email addresses of two favorable references to be contacted for recommendations (the committee will contact your references directly)
- Respond to the essay prompt (around 500 words):
 - Describe a moment in your performing arts journey that challenged you in an unexpected way. How did you respond, and how did that experience shape the artist and person you are today?*
- Submit a photo (can be a school picture, headshot, or profile picture)

All required application materials must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026. No late applications will be accepted.

Interview:

Applicants will be contacted by the YPAS Scholarship Chair to schedule a virtual interview at a mutually convenient time. The panel will consist of parent representatives who will score each interviewer using a rubric. This is a formal interview that will last approximately 15 minutes.

Questions will include:

- What first drew you to your art form?
- Performing arts require collaboration. Describe a time when working with others changed your perspective, strengthened your leadership, or elevated a performance.
- How do you hope to use your art form to make an impact beyond the stage?
- Tell us about your plans post-graduation.
- Is there anything else you would like to share with the panel? This is your opportunity to brag about yourself!

Final Decisions:

Recipients of the 2026 YPAS Producers Scholarship will be notified in May, and announced at the YPAS Senior Night on May 12, 2026. Scholarship payments will be made by direct deposit; winners must provide banking information by the last day of school or the scholarship will be rescinded.

In the event of a scoring tie, finalists may be asked to come in for an additional interview.

2026 YPAS Scholarship Committee

Katie Thomas, chair

Alice Alt

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