

Information about The Producers Scholarships

The Producers will award five \$1,500 to YPAS Class of 2024 students. The scholarships are awarded to students who score the highest throughout the application process, including an interview, short answers, and recommendations. To be eligible, students must be a YPAS major and must be pursuing the arts post-high school graduation by either traditional or non-traditional means.

Scholarships are awarded by the Producers, through a Scholarship Committee consisting of member parents/guardians.

Criteria for The Producers Scholarships:

1. Applicants must be a current senior at YPAS.
2. Applicants must plan to pursue the arts either through non-traditional paths such as pursuing the arts on their own without continuing formal education or through some form of postsecondary education. This includes, but is not limited to, a major, minor or certification in the following specialized areas: performance, working behind the scenes in production or another technical field, teaching some aspect of performing arts or combining several activities within the field of performing arts.

Applications open Feb. 12 and are due by 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Your completed application packet will include:

1. An application form including a short answer questionnaire
2. A resume
3. Two (2) recommendations

Details for completing each portion of the application are listed below.

Application Overview

The scholarship application can be accessed via the Producers website.

The first step in the application process is completing the online application-. All students who complete this process will be invited to an interview with the scholarship committee.

You must use a non-JCPS email address to complete the online application.

Students must complete the following steps to submit an application

- Complete the personal information questions
- Complete a series of short answer questions about your arts experience and future plans. Questions include:
 - Why are arts important to you?
 - How will the arts influence your plans after YPAS?
 - How do you plan to use the funds from this award specifically?
 - What qualities do you believe make you a good candidate for this award?
 - What else would you like the committee to know about you and why you are applying for this award?
- Submit an academic and/or personal resume. You may include information in the following categories or any additional information you choose:
 - Leadership Experience
 - Membership in School or Community Organizations
 - Experience in your art form (at YPAS or in the community)
 - Awards
 - Employment
 - Community Volunteer Work and/or YPAS Volunteer work
- The names and email address for two people who will need to complete an online recommendation form on your behalf. One recommendation must be a YPAS teacher or

administrator. The second recommendation may come from another YPAS teacher, private teacher, etc.

- Please note the Scholarship Committee will contact your recommenders directly. You only need to provide their contact information as part of your application.
- Please make sure you have contacted your recommenders in advance to ask permission to use them as a recommender.

All required application steps must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2024. No late submissions will be accepted under any circumstance.

The Interview

A panel of parent/guardian judges representing The Producers will conduct all interviews. Each student will be asked questions about their experience at YPAS and future arts plans. This is a formal interview. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes.

- Interviews are tentatively planned for the week of April 15-19
 - (specific dates will be published in late March)

Interviews will be held virtually during non-school hours. A signup link will be provided for you to select the best day and time for you at the end of March. The scholarship committee will work with applicants who are unable to be interviewed during interview week due to school or extracurricular commitments and identify an alternate day and time.

Final Decisions

You will be notified in May of the committee's final decision on your application. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the YPAS Senior Night Ceremony. At that time, award recipients will be notified of the necessary requirements and documentation for receiving scholarship funds as well as the approximate timing of the disbursement.

Scholarship payments

Scholarship payments will be made by direct deposit. Winners will need to complete an online payment form and submit a W-9 in order to receive payment. The Producers' treasurer will contact winners after senior night to complete these items. All items will be due by the last day of school. If items are not submitted by midnight on the last day of school, the scholarship is rescinded. A reminder of this process will be included in the award announcement to winners. .