

Minnesota Scholars of Distinction in Theater Arts

Program Overview

What is Minnesota Scholars of Distinction in Theater Arts?

This awards program recognizes excellence in Minnesota's top theater students, and is co-sponsored by the Perpich Center for Arts Education and the Minnesota Department of Education, with support from the Communication and Theater Association of Minnesota. Students who have demonstrated academic excellence as well as theatrical expertise may earn the honor in their junior or senior year of high school.

Who will qualify for Scholars of Distinction in Theater Arts?

The designation Scholars of Distinction in Theater recognizes high school students who demonstrate outstanding knowledge, skills, and creativity in theater arts. The program grants awards to students who can show extraordinary accomplishment in one of the following areas of theater: acting, directing, playwriting, or design and technical theater. A comprehensive award may be achieved by demonstrating excellence in two areas of theater.

Students who apply will demonstrate

- substantive knowledge in one or more of four major areas of theater
- ability to pursue theatrical creation and performance
- clear understanding of theatrical quality standards
- understanding of relationships between theater arts and other disciplines
- ability to apply theatrical knowledge to practical theatrical situations
- ability to effectively communicate theatrical knowledge and practice
- ability to interact with others in a theatrical context

Program Requirements and Timeline for 2019-2020

There are three steps in the program that applicants must complete, each with its own requirements:

- **Application** **Due: December 16, 2019**
- **Portfolio** **Due: February 21, 2020**
- **Artistic Showcase Presentation – On EITHER April 20 or 25, 2020 (*by invitation)**

The Awards Ceremony for all academic areas of the Scholars of Distinction program will be held at the Perpich Center for Arts Education on **May 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm.**

Please visit our website to find all application forms, and more information about each part of the program: <http://perpich.mn.gov/professional-development/student-recognition/>

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