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## **Wortham Center for the Performing Arts**

### **Y.E.S. Emerging Artists Fund**

The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts is proud to support young performers by providing scholarships for graduating high school seniors pursuing a career in the performing arts. A limited number of scholarships beginning at \$1,000 each will be awarded to finalists. Scholarship recipients will also be featured in pre-recorded video performances during a Wortham Center virtual event on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### **About the Y.E.S. Fund**

The Emerging Artists Fund is an outgrowth of the Y.E.S. (Youth Education Scholarship) Fund, which was created to make it possible for underserved students to attend the Wortham Center's school programming. Scholarships, made possible by private donors, cover the cost of admission and are available to students on a free or reduced lunch program. The Y.E.S. program expanded in 2015 to cover artist workshops in local schools and in 2016 to support the Emerging Artists Fund.

#### **Who can apply for the Emerging Artists Fund?**

Any student graduating from high school in 2021 may apply. Applicants must currently be permanent residents of Buncombe County, must intend to pursue a career in the performing arts, and must receive a recommendation from a teacher, instructor, or mentor. If you have a question regarding eligibility, you may call 828-257-4512.

#### **How do I apply?**

To apply for a scholarship, please complete the application, create an audition video, and obtain a recommendation from a teacher or mentor. Submit materials to the Wortham Center via email or mail by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Submission of an application does not guarantee an award.

**For further information contact:** Jared McEntire, Community Engagement Director  
828-257-4512 or [jared@worthamarts.org](mailto:jared@worthamarts.org)  
[www.worthamarts.org](http://www.worthamarts.org)



# Wortham Center for the Performing Arts

## Y.E.S. Emerging Artists Fund Application

Thank you for your interest in the Y.E.S. Emerging Artists Fund. Please complete the information below and return it with your letter of recommendation and video audition by 5:00 pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher/Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Mentor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Talent Discipline: (please choose one)

Music: Instrumental

Music: Vocal

Music: Both

Theatre/Dramatic Arts

Spoken Word/Poetry

Dance

Title of your audition selection: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please initial one:** \_\_\_\_\_ My piece is an original work

\_\_\_\_\_ My piece not an original work. I agree to work with The Wortham Center to obtain the proper or applicable permission and rights.

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# **Wortham Center for the Performing Arts Y.E.S. Emerging Artists Fund Application Narrative**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Answers may be composed in a separate Word document and submitted with the application.

**How will you pursue your career after high school?**

**If selected, how will you use the scholarship award? Why is the award important to you?**

**In 500 words, compose an essay that addresses the following prompts:**

1. Who are you? What inspires you? What do you love about your art form?
2. What sparked your interest in the arts, and how has it grown?
3. What makes you special and different? Explain why you feel you deserve this award.

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\_\_\_ (Please initial) I hereby grant the Wortham Center for the Performing Arts permission to use my writing, image, likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video tape without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed, and I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears.

\_\_\_ (Please initial) If selected as a scholarship recipient, I agree to submit a performance video lasting 4 minutes or less by 5:00 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to be featured during a Wortham Center virtual event taking place on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed, and I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. If unable to submit a video by the date and time above, I approve use of my video audition in lieu of additional performance footage.

My application includes the following materials:

- \_\_\_ Completed application form
- \_\_\_ Letter of recommendation from a teacher/mentor
- \_\_\_ Video (please see included instructions detailing video creation and submission)
- \_\_\_ A Word document with answers to narrative questions and essay

I certify that the provided information is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

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Student Signature

Date

**To be completed by a Parent or Legal Guardian (if student is under 18)**

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the provided information is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and grant my child permission to participate and abide by the terms of this agreement.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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The video audition is an important (and fun!) part of your application. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you are confused or have questions about the technical side of this process or require access to digital tools.

### VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit a short video including the following elements:

1. Introduction: Give your name. Explain how you will change the world with your art. Be creative. Don't be afraid to let your personality shine! (60 seconds or less)
2. Audition: Perform a selection of a piece. (4 minutes or less)

### TECHNICAL TIPS

Have someone else record you or use a tripod. Don't hold the camera yourself. Please shoot landscape (horizontal) and not portrait (vertical). When shooting indoors, make sure to turn on all the lights, with particular attention to front light. Do not record in front of a window with sunlight streaming in behind you. This will cause silhouetting and make it difficult to see your face. When shooting outdoors, avoid shooting with the sun directly behind you; this will cause silhouetting as well. Make sure you can be heard. Speak loudly and clearly. Remember to save a copy of your video on your computer.

### GUIDE TO SENDING YOUR VIDEO & APPLICATION

#### Option 1: Submitting video & application packet online

1. Download, complete fully, and save your application form. Each application must be 5MB or less.
2. Save your video as "Your Name – Y.E.S. EA Video" (i.e. "Bernadette Peters - Y.E.S. EA Video")
3. Test your video. Make sure you can hear and see your statement and audition.
4. Upload your UNLISTED video to a high-quality video sharing website (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) It must be UNLISTED. Video links requiring a password cannot be accepted.
5. Copy and paste the link of your video into the body of your email.
6. Attach your completed application and letter of reference from a teacher or mentor to your email.
7. Send email to [jared@worthamarts.org](mailto:jared@worthamarts.org) by 5:00 pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
8. Please send all materials in one email.

#### Option 2: Sending video and application packet via U.S. Mail

1. Download and complete your application. Make sure it is legible. Typed applications are preferred but not required.
2. Save your video as "Your Name – Y.E.S. EA Video" (i.e. "Bernadette Peters - Y.E.S. EA Video")
3. Test your video. Make sure you can hear and see your statement and audition.
4. Save your video to a DVD-R or USB flash drive. Label it with your name.
5. Mail your video, completed application, and letter of reference from a teacher or mentor in one envelope to: Jared McEntire, Emerging Artists Fund, Wortham Center for the Performing Arts, 18 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801. Application must be received by 5:00 pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.