



2018 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

HSPVA Friends is the non-profit organization that cultivates support and appreciation for The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts locally, nationally, and internationally in order to enhance educational, professional, and artistic opportunities for current and future students of HSPVA. The scholarships below are made possible by donors to HSPVA Friends who are committed to helping graduating HSPVA students by reducing the cost of college tuition. The scholarships are organized by art area. Winners will be announced at the Senior Awards Night at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts on May 21, 2018.

All general application materials must be submitted to HSPVA Friends using the online application: www.hspvafriends.org/scholarships

Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have questions, contact HSPVA Friends Development Associate Matthew Jamison at mjamison@hspvafriends.org or 713.874.0087.

GENERAL (OPEN TO ANY ART AREA)

THE ED AND BIRDIE DAWLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by an endowment from the Ed and Birdie Dawley Educational Trust

PURPOSE: Need-based and merit-based college scholarship designed to assist one deserving HSPVA student

AMOUNT: \$4,000 for one graduating senior

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the HSPVA Scholarship Committee, led by the HSPVA counselors, based on their knowledge of a deserving senior who needs the scholarship in order to attend college. Student should have a proven track record of leadership and dedication to excellence. Student should demonstrate a financial need. Selection is not specifically based on artistic or academic merit.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

AMANDA MAY MUSICAL THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by The Amanda May Musical Theatre Endowment created in memory of 1997 HSPVA Dance Department graduate Amanda May

PURPOSE: College scholarship for an outstanding senior planning to pursue a degree in musical theatre at an accredited college, university, or conservatory

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating senior

SELECTION PROCESS: Completed applications will be reviewed by applicants' art area chairs who will then recommend finalists to HSPVA Friends based on the following attributes:

- A positive and supportive attitude in dealing with faculty and peers;
- Outstanding talent in musical theatre; and

- Professionalism on the job and in the department (accepts constructive criticism, demonstrates responsibility, strong work ethic, etc.).

The HSPVA Scholarship Committee will choose the scholarship recipient based on the above criteria as well as the finalists' applications and audition tapes.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: By **May 7, 2018**, applicants must submit:

- **The HSPVA Friends General Application Form**
- **A Musical Theatre Resume**
- **A video of the applicant performing two musical theatre pieces.** The video should be labeled with the name of the applicant and identification of the two musical pieces (show, song, and composer). Videos may be emailed to HSPVA Friends at mjamison@hspvafriends.org.

THE HARRIS WITTELS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by The Harris Wittels Fund at HSPVA Friends, created in memory of actor, producer, comedian, and musician Harris Wittels (Theatre '02)

PURPOSE: Merit-based college scholarship designed to assist a graduating senior pursue a career in the entertainment industry (including film, television, comedy, radio, music production, or popular music)

AMOUNT: up to \$2,000

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the Wittels family, based on the merit of the students' application materials.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: By **May 7, 2018**, applicants must submit:

1. **The HSPVA Friends General Application Form**
2. **An essay in response to one of the prompts below.** Creativity and a sense of humor are encouraged. Let your true personality shine through! Content is more important than length.
 - **Prompt A:** Discuss a time when your sense of humor made a difference in a situation.
 - **Prompt B:** What professional artist has influenced you the most?
 - **Prompt C:** Discuss a time when you took a risk or pushed a boundary.

THE HURRICANE HARVEY "GET YOU THERE" SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by donations to HSPVA Friends in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Special thanks to the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, Booker T. Washington HSPVA (Dallas, TX), the Denver School of the Arts, and Mildred E. Strang Middle School (Yorktown Heights, NY).

PURPOSE: Need-based and merit-based college scholarship designed to assist one deserving HSPVA student whose family was financially impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Specifically, this scholarship is designed to assist a student with transition expenses not included in a traditional financial aid package, such as enrollment deposits, housing deposits, and travel expenses.

AMOUNT: \$1,500 for one graduating senior (in the event of a tie, award may be divided)

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the HSPVA Scholarship Committee, led by the HSPVA Dean of Students, based on their knowledge of a deserving senior who needs the scholarship in part because of the impact of Hurricane Harvey on their family's financial position. Student should have a proven track record of leadership and dedication to excellence. Selection is not specifically based on artistic or academic merit.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

****Please use the "Optional: Special Circumstances" question in Part IV of the General Application to describe your financial need as it relates to Hurricane Harvey.****

DANCE

MARY MARTHA LAPPE DANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by an endowment from the William F. Carleton Trust for Dance, in honor of Mary Martha Lappe. Mrs. Lappe is a founder of HSPVA, the first Chair of the HSPVA Dance Department, and the founder of HSPVA Friends.

PURPOSE: College scholarship for an outstanding dance senior planning to pursue a degree in dance at an accredited college, university, or conservatory

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating dance senior

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the HSPVA Dance Faculty based on the following criteria: attendance over four years; ability to receive and apply constructive feedback; grades in dance classes; progress made in dance; self-discipline and commitment to the art form; and strength of the university/conservatory program in consideration.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL)

JASON MORAN JAZZ COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by Jason Moran, a 1993 HSPVA Music Department graduate

PURPOSE: College scholarship for an outstanding jazz senior planning to pursue a degree in jazz at an accredited college, university, or conservatory

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating jazz senior

SELECTION PROCESS: There is an audition requirement. In the event that Mr. Moran cannot hold live auditions, students who have been a member of one of the official HSPVA jazz ensembles for at least two years must submit a CD recording. Mr. Moran will critique each recording and select the recipient. In the event of a tie, the student with the most financial need will take precedence.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

Applicants should see Mr. Sneed regarding audition requirements.

RACHEL SPEIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by Melinda and Howard Speight, in memory of Rachel Speight, a 2002 HSPVA Vocal Music Department graduate

PURPOSE: College scholarship for an outstanding music senior

AMOUNT: \$2,000 for one graduating music senior

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the HSPVA Music Faculty and the Speight family, based on the merit of the students' application materials. The Scholarship Committee will review the transcripts of all applicants.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: By **May 7, 2018**, applicants must submit:

- **The HSPVA Friends General Application Form**
- **A Teacher Recommendation** in response to the following prompt: What makes this student stand out from your average student? We are looking for a student who demonstrates some of the following characteristics: *creative, has diverse interests, has an unusually keen sense of humor, has made a significant contribution to the school, takes risks, challenges himself/herself, self-motivated, nonconformist, passionate, unsung hero, a*

“carpe diem” attitude, overcomes fears, vivacious, intense. (Teachers should email their recommendations **directly** to HSPVA Friends at mjamison@hspvafriends.org.)

- **An essay in response to one or more of the topics below.** Creativity and a sense of humor are encouraged. Let your true personality shine through! The essay should be about 250 words long, but content is more important than length.
 - How have you distinguished yourself from your peers?
 - Discuss a time when you wanted to accomplish something and did it – maybe even against all odds.
 - In what ways have you pursued a diversity of interests?
 - What would people be surprised to know about you?
 - What have you done to make HSPVA a better place?
 - Discuss a quotation or poem that inspires you.
 - Discuss a time when your sense of humor made a difference in a situation.
 - Discuss a time when you had to make a personal sacrifice.
 - Discuss a time when you had to go against popular opinion.
 - Discuss some times that you have challenged yourself, whether the outcome was good or bad.
 - Which of these phrases could be used to describe you? – *takes risks, ambitious, nonconformist, passionate, unsung hero, a “carpe diem” attitude, overcomes fears, vivacious, intense*

THE HOUSTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC/MOZART HAMMOND VOCAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by an endowment from the Houston Conservatory of Music, in memory of Houston musician and music educator Mozart Hammond

PURPOSE: Merit-based college scholarship for an outstanding vocal senior planning to pursue a degree in vocal performance or vocal music education at an accredited college, university, or conservatory

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating vocal student (in the event of a tie, the award may be divided)

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the HSPVA Vocal Music Faculty, based on the student’s leadership qualities and contributions to the department and to HSPVA.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

THE HOUSTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC/MOZART HAMMOND PIANO SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by an endowment from the Houston Conservatory of Music, in memory of Houston musician and music educator Mozart Hammond

PURPOSE: Merit-based college scholarship for an outstanding piano senior planning to pursue a degree in piano at an accredited college, university or conservatory

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating piano senior (in the event of a tie, the award may be divided)

SELECTION PROCESS: Applicants must perform a live audition (time and date to be determined) consisting of three piano pieces of contrasting styles from the Classical repertoire, totaling a minimum of eight minutes of music, and not to exceed 25 minutes of music. The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by an independent two-judge panel when more than three seniors apply and by an independent single judge panel when three or fewer seniors apply. The judges will be music/piano professionals unaffiliated with the HSPVA Piano Department. They will consider the following criteria in choosing a winner: musical proficiency; technical proficiency; and stage etiquette/presentation. Applicants will receive the judges’ written comments at the completion of the selection process.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

Applicants should communicate with Mr. Morales regarding the audition date.

THE SYLVIA STRONG PIANO AWARD

Made possible by donations to the HSPVA Piano Department

PURPOSE: Scholarship for education-related expenses, given to a piano senior who has shown outstanding leadership and musicianship throughout his/her musical studies at HSPVA

AMOUNT: \$250 for one graduating piano senior

SELECTION PROCESS: The winner of the scholarship is selected by the Piano Department Director in collaboration with the HSPVA Music Faculty. They will consider the following criteria in choosing a winner:

- Outstanding leadership in music classes
- Serious and committed musicianship
- Ability to motivate self and others
- Collaborative work (musical and interpersonal) with other music students in the areas of accompanying and piano pedagogy

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

THEATRE

BOB SINGLETON THEATRE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by long-time HSPVA Theatre Department Chair Bob Singleton

PURPOSE: College scholarship for an outstanding senior planning to pursue a degree and a career in theatre education at an accredited college, university or conservatory

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating senior

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by a panel of theatre education experts based on the merit of the students' application. An interview may be conducted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.

VISUAL ARTS

MARK DI SUVERO SCHOLARSHIP

Donated anonymously in honor of internationally acclaimed sculptor Mark di Suvero

PURPOSE: College scholarship for an outstanding visual arts senior planning to pursue a degree in sculpture at an accredited college, university or art school

AMOUNT: \$1,000 for one graduating visual arts senior

SELECTION PROCESS: Determined by the HSPVA Visual Arts Faculty based on the merit of the students' application and their accomplishments in the discipline of sculpture

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students must submit an HSPVA Friends General Application Form by **May 7, 2018**.