



Showcasing Artistically Gifted and Talented Youth For Over 15 Years

Here is a helpful guide to use when applying for the 2024 Rising Stars program. There are a few elements to the application that must be fully submitted in order to be considered for this year's program.

Elements of the Application

1. Completed Application on Google Forms
2. Teacher Recommendation
3. Brief Essay
4. Examples of Artistic Ability

Who is Eligible to Apply?

The programs will feature students between the ages of 9 through 18 years of age who are not full-time college students who are residents of the Southeast US. Students who are gifted visual artists, actors, dancers, creative writers, solo musicians (instrumental and vocal), and ensemble groups of no more than 12 members, may apply. Past Rising Stars students are not eligible to apply.

How Can I Apply?

- Complete the online application form. The application includes a request for a teacher recommendation, a brief student essay, and evidence of artistic work.

Teacher Recommendation

As a part of the application, students should request a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor. Please have a teacher complete a letter of recommendation discussing the level of experience in the student's chosen artistic area. Teachers should include a note on whether or not the student would be a good fit for the Rising Stars program. Recommendations should be .pdf or Microsoft Word files, and can be uploaded to the application form. If a teacher wishes to submit the letter of recommendation directly to PSAE, please have them contact Jenny Kabool.

Brief Essay

Students are also required to write a brief essay as a part of the application process. Here is the prompt: *Use 250 words or less to describe why it is important to have art and artistic expression in your life.* Essay files should be .pdf or Microsoft Word files, and can be uploaded to the application form.

Examples of Artistic Ability

- Visual Artists should submit five to seven works in one of the following media: drawing, photography, painting, printmaking, or sculpture.
- Actors should submit up to ten minutes of monologue material and can include two different monologues to show contrasting styles. Improv comedy groups are also encouraged to apply. Please submit up to 10 minutes of performance footage that showcases as many members as possible.
- Dancers (soloists and ensembles) should submit up to ten minutes of dance that may be in two different styles. Due to limited performance space, ensembles are limited to 4 members.
- Writers should submit performances of up to ten minutes of poetry or verse. Contrasting styles are acceptable.
- Musical soloists should submit up to ten minutes of musical performance consisting of no more than two different works.
- Musical ensemble groups should submit up to ten minutes, which may consist of two works. Groups should have no more than 12 members.

NOTE: if selected for a Rising Star program, each student performance will be approximately six minutes.

Helpful Application Notes

- If students are applying for more than one artform, please fill out individual applications for each desired art discipline.
- Progress cannot be saved on the application form. Please plan carefully before you begin filling out the form.
- If you have questions, please email PSAE Executive Director, Jenny Kabool, at Jenny@palmettoartsed.org.

Is There an Application Fee?

- No! For the first time, Rising Stars applications are free for all students.

When Are Applications Due?

Applications must be submitted by **March 17, 2024**. All applicants will be

notified of their application status by April 5, 2024. Those selected to perform on the Rising Stars Programs will be notified at that time of the date and procedures for their performance.

If Selected?

- If selected, you will receive a letter of congratulations and an agreement to perform on a specific date and location.
- You will have seven days to return the letter accepting the performance date and location. Program organizers will take into account location preference, but cannot guarantee location preference will be available for all who request it.
- Students will be paired with a mentor who will offer advice and guidance for students in preparing for their Rising Stars performance and discuss a student's next steps in their artistic development. Students will meet in groups with a mentor once before the performance and on the performance day.
- All performers are responsible for their own travel to Charleston or Greenville depending on scheduled performance.
- On the day of your performance, all students (visual and performing artists) will arrive at the theater 2 hours before the performance for instructions, meeting with a mentor, and rehearsal before the performance.

Performance Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City</u>
Monday, May 27	11:00AM	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Charleston
Monday, May 27	3:00PM	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Charleston
Saturday, June 1	11:00AM	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Charleston
Saturday, June 1	3:00PM	St. Matthew's Lutheran Church	Charleston
Saturday, June 8	11:00AM	TBD	Greenville
Saturday, June 8	3:00PM	TBD	Greenville

Who Will Select Participants?

A three-person panel for each of the arts areas will select those to be featured. Each panel is composed of representatives from higher education and professional artists.

What Assistance Will Be Provided?

- If needed, an accompanist will be provided.
- Music stands and piano will be provided.