



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders

FROM: David M. Mathis, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

DATE: November 24, 2020

RE: Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is announcing the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. This annual program offers twelfth-grade students in public school the opportunity to compete for a scholarship valued at approximately \$2,000. The purpose of the competition is to encourage and recognize academic and artistic excellence.

Scholarships are awarded and applicants may participate in one of the following discipline areas: creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts. To compete, students should submit an original and two copies of the original composition and process folio for the creative writing, dance, music, or theatre categories. For the visual arts category, mail one original composition and a process folio. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked on or before Monday, February 22, 2021.**

Send your applications to L. Monique Curry, 1429 Senate Street, Suite 607, Columbia, SC 29201. Please see the attached applications for additional submission guidelines in each respective discipline field. Applications are also available on the SCDE Web site, <https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/grants-and-awards/archibald-rutledge-scholarship-program/>

Panels of adjudicators in each area will review submissions and select a recipient and two alternates in each arts area. Adjudicators will base their selections on individual arts discipline criteria and the correlation of the process folio to the finished work. Awards will be announced in May 2021.

We hope that you will encourage participation in the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. Please forward this information to your school guidance and arts staffs and eligible students. For additional information, please contact Monique Curry at lmcurry@ed.sc.gov.