



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Illinois State Organization

M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award

**IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT
AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN THE ARTS**

In honor of this dedicated educator



M. Josephine O'Neil

* In 1977, M. Josephine O'Neil and Dr. Carolyn Allrutz conceived the idea of Women in the Arts as a viable committee. In the beginning, it was an Ad Hoc Committee.

* Josephine was Lambda State President from 1979-81. In 1979 a positive vote from the Lambda State Executive Board established the WIA committee.

*In 1981, thanks to M. Josephine O'Neil, an arts award was established and continues to be given to honor young women pursuing a career in one of the arts.

* In 1981, the first arts award was given. The recipient has gone on to an amazing musical career as a professional singer in New York.

* In 2013, at the age of 100 years old, Josephine O'Neil attended her last Lambda State Convention, before passing away. We remember and honor her by continuing the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award in her memory.



Thank you for your interest in applying for the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award. The Illinois State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International grants the award. DKG is an educational honorary Society of key women educators from 17 member countries. Membership is by invitation and is extended to women educators who have demonstrated leadership potential and other qualities reflecting excellence.

Awards totaling up to \$10,000.00 are available. The award is funded by the membership and will be presented at the Illinois State DKG Convention in April. **An Illinois State DKG Chapter must recommend applicants.** If you are not aware of local chapter, please contact Illinois State DKG Women in the Arts Chair Sue Dion at WIA.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com.

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding female(s) **majoring** in one or more areas of the arts (music, visual arts, dance, theater) and to encourage continued involvement in the arts.

Please read the following submission requirements **carefully** and follow the guidelines to ensure a qualifying application. As an applicant you are responsible for monitoring the timely submission of your application. The deadline for the application submission is February 1. Acknowledgement of your submission will follow the arrival of all application components via email. It is your responsibility to monitor this process, so if you have not received verification, please contact me at WIA.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award, a candidate **MUST** be:

- Female
- A legal resident of Illinois
- In or approaching her junior year at an accredited college/ university, **MAJORING** in one or more of the arts – music, dance, theater, visual arts
- Recommended by a local Illinois State DKG Chapter

Application Criteria

Your Application Packet **MUST** Include **ALL** of the following:
Application will not be considered if any components are not included upon entry
One copy of **all** materials should be submitted in **pdf format** to
WIA.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com
All materials must be submitted electronically. Thank you.

- 1) Letter of Intent to WIA chairperson by January 1.
- 2) **Personally** created cover sheet that includes your name, date, and reflects your personality;
- 3) M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award Application;
- 4) Official college transcript;
- 5) Two letters of recommendation by college/university personnel;
- 6) A letter of recommendation by sponsoring Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State Chapter President or designee;
- 7) Personal essay discussing short and long term goals, philosophy, personal interests, and family; (not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages);
- 8) Evidence that will best exemplify the quality and extent of accomplishment in one or more areas of the arts such as programs of performances, catalogs, articles from the media, published reviews of the individual's work, and a listing of awards, prizes, honors, or other recognition, separating high school and college honors - **must be submitted electronically.**
- 9) Recent examples of work - **must be submitted electronically.**
Visual samples: (3-10) includes title, medium, and dimensions (1024 pixels on the longest side and in JPEG format)
Varied dramatic, musical or dance samples (1-2) in the form of high quality DVD or CD, representative of the applicant's fluency/flexibility that focuses on the applicant's "solo" performance: (not to exceed five minutes in length)
- 10) Statement and discussion of use of the Award to continue involvement in your selected areas of the arts.
- 11) Initialed Statement of Availability to attend the Illinois State DKG Convention Awards Breakfast in April.

**Replace this page with
1) Personally created cover
sheet**

M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award Application
 (Must be submitted electronically in pdf format to WIA.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com)

Date		Recommending Chapter:	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Current Address:			
Street	City	State	Zip
Permanent address if different from above:			
Street	City	State	Zip
Birth date		Telephone (include area code)	
Email			
Current enrollment in college, university, or community college:			
Name of University/College		Entrance date	
University/College address:			
Street	City	State	Zip
Major area of study			
Minor area of study			
What date <u>did you, or will you</u> become a junior?			

Indicate area or areas of the arts in which you have achieved outstanding accomplishments (Check the appropriate areas):

Music: Voice Instrument (indicate type) _____

Dance (specify) _____

Theater (specify) _____

Visual Arts (specify) _____

Personal Essay: Discuss short and long term goals, philosophy, personal interests, and family; (not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages)



Recent examples of work: Check type of evidence being submitted – **must be submitted electronically**. Work should be labeled with a completion date. Keep in mind that audio and video submissions MUST NOT exceed five (5) minutes in length and other visual works MUST NOT exceed ten (10) in number.

- ___ Visual samples – **must be submitted electronically**
- ___ Musical samples – **must be submitted electronically**
- ___ Theatrical samples – **must be submitted electronically**
- ___ Dance samples – **must be submitted electronically**

Statement of Continued Use: How will you use this award to continue your involvement in your selected area of the arts?

Statement of Availability: Please read the statements below and initial (electronically) on the line provided.

_____ If selected, I understand that I am encouraged to attend the Awards Breakfast at the Illinois State DKG Convention on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Oakbrook, IL. I should bring a small display of artwork or plan a short performance.

_____ If selected, I grant permission that my name and/or photo may be used in publicity releases, *Newscaster* (DKG-ILSO newsletter) and DKG-Illinois Key Women Educators Facebook page and website.

I hereby submit for consideration this application for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Illinois State M. Josephine O’Neil Arts Award. I have answered the questions accurately, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant
(Electronic signature is acceptable)

Date

All responses must be computer generated and **submitted electronically**.

One completed packet must arrive in email to Sue Dion by **February 1, 2021**.

M. JOSEPHINE O'NEIL ARTS AWARD EVALUATION RUBRIC

Applications will be evaluated using the following rubric by a committee that includes at least one expert from each of the arts listed in the application.

CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	0 POINTS	3 POINTS	5 POINTS	
Personally Created Title Page	Name, date, area of art, and reflects your personality	Not included	Information only	Information with personality	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	2 POINTS	6 POINTS	10 POINTS	
Academic Achievement (transcripts, grades, & course of study)	GPA – College/university (transcript included)	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.8	3.81-4.0	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	2 POINTS	6 POINTS	10 POINTS	
Recommendation letters	College/university personnel	Average, Not Distinguished	Above Average	Outstanding, High Praise	<input type="checkbox"/>
	College/university personnel	Average, not distinguished	Above Average	Outstanding, High Praise	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chapter president or designee	Average, not distinguished	Above Average	Outstanding, High Praise	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	2 POINTS	6 POINTS	10 POINTS	
Personal Essay (short and long-term goals, philosophy, personal interests, and family - not to exceed two pages, double spaced)	Mechanics	Poor quality, many errors	Typos, a few errors	Correct spelling and grammar	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Organization	Poor	Average	Clear/logical	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expression of ideas	Weak	Average	Convincing, creative, enthusiastic	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Evidence of goals	Vague generalities	Some examples	Clear, specific examples	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	2 POINTS	6 POINTS	10 POINTS	
Achievements and Awards (separate high school and college honors)	High School	1 Award	2-3 Awards	4+ Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>
	College/University	1 Awards	2-3 Awards	4+ Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	2 POINTS	6 POINTS	10 POINTS	
Use of O'Neil Award	Discussion of proposed use of the award to continue involvement in the selected area of art	Vague generalities	Some examples	Clear, specific examples	<input type="checkbox"/>
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	20 POINTS	40 POINTS	60 POINTS	
Example(s) of Applicant's Work	Visual samples (3-10) includes title, medium, and dimensions OR Varied dramatic, musical, or dance samples (1-2)	Little or no variations in samples; poor quality;	Some variation in samples; average quality; lacking creativity or enthusiasm	Several variations in samples; outstanding quality; exudes enthusiasm and creativity; leaves a lasting impression	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Points (Possible 175 points)					<input style="border: 2px solid red;" type="checkbox"/>