



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 Women in the Arts (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, Josephine O'Neil attended her final Lambda State Convention, before passing away on September 4, 2013. We 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 Convention in April in odd-numbered years. **An Illinois State Chapter must recommend applicants.** If you are not aware of a local chapter, please contact Illinois State Women in the Arts Chair 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 chair listed in the cover letter 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 Chapter

*****Electronic Letter of Intent should be sent by applicant to WIA chair listed below by January 1, 2022.*****

Application Criteria

Application will not be considered if any components are not included.

One copy of all materials should be submitted in pdf format to:

WIA.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com

Evidence and examples of work may be submitted through postal mail to:

Christine Scheffel, 823 Bee Tree Lane, East Alton, IL 62024

Your Application Packet, due February 1, MUST include ALL of the following:

- 1) A **personally** created title page that includes your name, date, and reflects your personality;
- 2) M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award Application;
- 3) Official college transcript;
- 4) Two letters of recommendation by college/university personnel;
- 5) A letter of recommendation by the president or designee of the sponsoring Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State Chapter;
- 6) Personal essay discussing short- and long-term goals, philosophy, personal interests, and family (not to exceed two double-spaced typed pages);
- 7) 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 (may be sent through postal mail);
- 8) Recent examples of work (may be sent through postal mail):
 - 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);
- 9) Statement and discussion of use of the Award to continue involvement in your selected areas of the arts;
- 10) Initialed Statement of Availability to attend the Illinois State Convention Awards Breakfast in April;

Replace this page with
1) Personally created title page

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	
Address: Street	City	State	Zip
Birth date		Telephone (include area code)	
Email			
Alternate contact address			
First and Last Name		Relationship	
Street	City	State	Zip
Email			
Current enrollment in university, college, 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 (electronically or through postal mail.) 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

DVD (Identify the “performance” and/or artwork to be viewed indicating title of work, medium, date(s) of completion below)

CD (Number each work indicating title of work, medium, date of completion below)

Electronic submissions (YouTube, Google docs, etc.) with prior approval of the WIA chairperson

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 Convention on Sunday morning, April 23rd at the Decatur Conference Center, Decatur, Illinois. 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* (Illinois State newsletter) and Illinois State Website.

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

Signature of Applicant
(Electronic signature is acceptable)

Date

All enclosures must be typed, word processed, or computer generated.

**Send completed electronic application by February 1, 2022 to:
WIA.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com**

**Send evidence of accomplishments and recent examples of work by February 1, 2022 to:
Christine Scheffel, 823 Bee Tree Lane, East Alton, IL 62024**

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
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
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	2 POINTS	6 POINTS	10 POINTS
Recommendation letters	College/university personnel	Average, Not Distinguished	Above Average	Outstanding, High Praise
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	Chapter president or designee	Average, not distinguished	Above Average	Outstanding, High Praise
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
	Organization	Poor	Average	Clear/logical
	Expression of ideas	Weak	Average	Convincing, creative, enthusiastic
	Evidence of goals	Vague generalities	Some examples	Clear, specific examples
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
	College/University	1 Awards	2-3 Awards	4+ Awards
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
CATEGORIES	DESCRIPTORS	6 POINTS	12 POINTS	25 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
Total Points				
(140 Points Possible)				

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