

# 2024 Excellence in the Arts Awards Application



## Three (3) \$1,500 Awards

One award in each category

## Art, Writing and Music



The National League of American Pen Women, Inc.  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BRANCH

Applicants must be women of any age, in either high school (graduating in 2024), undergraduate college students or returning college students and must reside in Santa Clara County, California or immediate adjacent Bay Area counties.

*Please submit the following items to the appropriate addresses listed on the back of this page and all documentation.*

**Must be Received No Later Than Deadline: March 13, 2024**

Check Boxes When Completed

- 1. A personal letter from the applicant which describes her (A) interests, accomplishments, honors in the field of your choice of Art, Music, or Writing (B) scholastic achievements, honors, awards. Include in this letter (D) your educational goals (E) the college you plan to attend in the fall of 2024 and (F) your major.
- 2. Official, sealed high school and/or college transcripts (GPA of 2.5 or higher.)
- 3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor or counselor who is working in the field for which you are applying.
- 4. Samples of your work. May be submitted in the format of your choosing. Examples:
  - A. Art: May include but not limited to Fine Arts, Painting, Sculpture, Digital Art, Textile, Photography. May send as photos/digital/digital uploads of the originals of your artwork. Must provide a portfolio of a minimum of six (6) works of art.
  - B. Music: Composers, Arrangers, Instrumentalists, Vocalists, Performing Artists.
    - 1. Composers/Arrangers:
      - a. Samples of your work: (Minimum of 3 & Maximum of 5) Demonstrate different styles.
      - b. Send "scores." May send them as copies (no originals) or as pdfs.
      - c. Send audio on a thumb drive, MP3 audio link online, YouTube.
    - 2. Instrumentalists, Vocalists, Performing Artists: Audio on a thumb drive, YouTube, or MP3 audio link online. Demonstrate different styles.
  - C. Writing/Letters: Writers may include but not limited to short stories, poetry, prose, memoirs, journalism articles, pages from a manuscript, etc. Must provide a minimum of five (5) different samples of your written works (mailed or emailed).
- 5. The completed application form on the back of these instructions:

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY APPLICATION ON THE BACK**