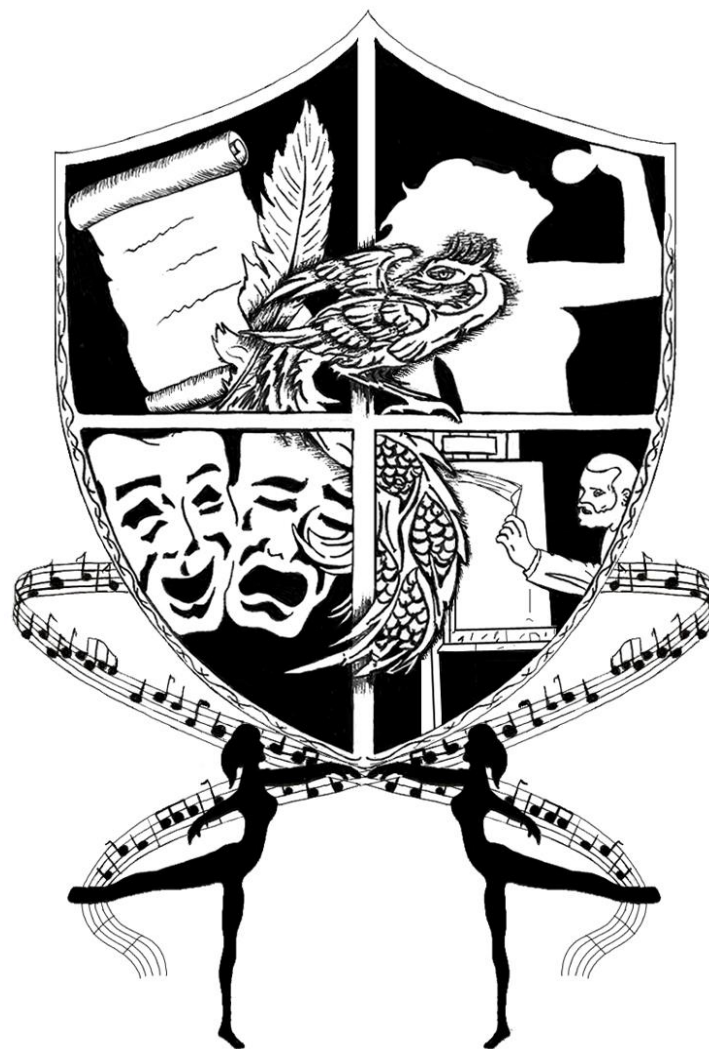


MAGNET ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL ARTS

2019-2020

STUDENT APPLICATION

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MISSION STATEMENT

MACA will provide life-long and real world learning experiences through an exceptional art-based program.

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ABOUT MACA

MACA is home to St. Landry Parish students who have been deemed talented in one of the six art areas: creative writing, dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual arts, and vocal music. With emphasis on the arts, the school thrives by offering a rich curriculum that incorporates the arts while focusing on a full offering of academic subjects. The expected results are students who are well-rounded, exceptional individuals, whose performances in core curricular areas are enhanced by utilizing interdisciplinary collaboration with the arts.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING

- All applications must be completed and returned to the school by Friday, April 26, 2019.
- Students must be residents of St. Landry Parish and in grades 7-12 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The following items must accompany each application. Applications that do not include the following will not be processed.
 - a. Most current report card
 - b. Signed letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or community member (not related to the student), attesting to the student's *talent ability* and *character*. It must also include the relationship to the student, how long he/she has known the student, and contact information.
 - c. Behavior report for the current school year, listing all write-ups and signed by the principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor. If the student has no behavior record, he/she must present verification from the attending school on school letterhead and be signed by the principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor.
- Students may audition in two talent areas. The student must state his/her first choice and second choice.
- Mandatory auditions will be held from May 13-22, 2019.
- Parents will be contacted in advance to determine dates for auditions. No auditions will be held after the dates specified.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

CREATIVE WRITING:

- The student must submit two (2) original samples of his/her writing in two different styles (i.e. poem, essay, etc.), at least 1 should be a creative piece.
- The student will complete a 30-minute writing exercise, followed by an interview.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:

BAND INSTRUMENTS:

- The student must perform The District III Honor Band Audition Scales (G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab) and the chromatic scale. In addition, each student must play two contrasting songs (Etudes). Scales and contrasting songs (Etudes) can be downloaded from: Slbda Website: To download Etudes and Scales, go to slbda.org and hover over the Honor Band Tab. Move your cursor down to Middle School Honor Band Auditions 2017-2018 then click on the Tab to the right. The next screen contains all the information you need to download.

PIANO

- The student must perform any 6 of the 12 Major scales with two hands at least two octaves ascending and descending. Each student must perform two (2) contrasting pieces/solos. A keyboard will be available. The major scales may be downloaded from the following website. <http://pianoscale.org/scales/type/major/>

THEATRE:

- The student must present a prepared, memorized monologue or short story of approximately two (2) minutes in length, followed by an interview. A copy of the piece must be presented at the audition.

VISUAL ARTS:

- The student must submit a portfolio consisting of a minimum of five (5) works of original art.
 - 2 pieces of art with topics of your choice. Draw what you like to draw.
 - 3 pieces of art with shading: 1 landscape, 1 person(s), 1 still life

- Artwork can consist of but is not limited to the following:

- Pencil
- Paint
- Ink
- Color pencil

- The artwork should be recent. (January 2018 to Present Day.)

- Please **DO NOT** use loose leaf or line paper. Use typing paper, sketch book paper or canvas.

- Size of paper:

- No smaller than 8.5 x 11"
- No larger than 18 x 20"

- The student will participate in an on-site drawing exercise, followed by an interview.

- If you **DO NOT** turn in your drawings with the applications, your application will automatically be rejected!

VOCAL MUSIC:

- The student must perform two (2) contrasting selections (a recorded instrumental track is optional), followed by a pitch matching test and an interview. No rap auditions will be accepted; all music must be melodic in nature. Suggested genres are folk music, patriotic songs, or hymns.

DANCE:

- The student is required to perform a dance routine of his/her choice that demonstrates Ballet dance technique. Inappropriate movements are unacceptable. An interview will follow.
- Music must be appropriate, relative to lyrics, and cannot exceed 2 minutes in length. Rap & Hip hop unacceptable
- Proper dance attire and dance shoes are required. A costume can be used but is not mandatory. A cover-up must be worn over dancewear or costume to enter MACA building.

All auditions will be held at: Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
1100 E. Leo St.
Opelousas, LA 70570 Phone number is (337) 942-6195

Parents/Guardians of all applicants will be notified of the results after all auditions are completed. Letters will be mailed out the week of May 27.

A completed application form and an audition do not guarantee acceptance into MACA.

IF ACCEPTED, REGISTRATION DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Jr. High Students (7th & 8th) – Tuesday, July 30, 2019 – 7:00am-12:00pm
High School Students (9th – 12th) – Wednesday, July 31, 2019 – 7:00am-12:00pm

New Applicants, Please bring your letter of acceptance to registration.

PART 2—LETTER OF INTENT

A letter of intent must accompany your application. In the space provided, please write your letter of intent, using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Your letter must address the following:

- a. The art area in which you are interested.
- b. Why you want to attend the Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts.
- c. Your personal strengths and skills related to the art area in which you are interested.

PART 3—AGREEMENT

APPLICANT

1. I understand that if I am accepted into Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, I will be committed to:
Completing all required assignments, activities, and programs required of my art area courses and following all of MACA's regulations.
2. I understand that my MACA status can be withdrawn if I:
 - Have **less than 95 percent** attendance (not including excused absences), or
 - Have less than a 2.0 GPA (C Average) in my art area for two consecutive grading periods and/or less than a 2.0 GPA in my art area final grade, or
 - am suspended from MACA or expelled, which at that time, I will be transferred to my base school
3. I attest that everything I have included in this application is true.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN

I have read this application and the information document and approve of my child's participation at the Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts. I agree to release my child's school records to the MACA Admission Committee for use in the application process.

I understand that by signing this form, I agree that my child must abide by all of the requirements stipulated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____

Mail or deliver the original application to the Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts' office by **April 26, 2019**.
Application & Auditions
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
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*****No Late Applications Will Be Accepted*****

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