

# **Shufflin' Along Foundation**

Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing  
Arts Scholarship Fund

2017-2018 Application and Guidelines

## **SHUFFLIN' ALONG FOUNDATION**

### **SHUFFLIN' ALONG FOUNDATION & PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **Mission:**

To provide financial assistance to recent high school graduates/incoming sophomore college students enabling them to pursue academic studies in the areas of dance, acting, singing, music and musical theatre at an accredited institution of higher learning within the United States of America.

#### **History:**

Shufflin' Along, L.L.C., owner/artistic director, Roshanda D. Spears saw a need to support the gifted and talented in the performing arts. As a dancer, actress and musician growing up in Los Angeles, CA., Ms. Spears recognizes that the performing arts are vital to us as a people. These art forms, no matter what language or cultural background barriers we have, is the glue that connects, educates, entertains and humanizes. Ms. Spears is a three time graduate of Grambling State University, a former Orchesis Dance Company member/assistant to the director, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Regional Dance Fellowship recipient, Regional Juried Roster Artist, an award winning choreographer, an active member of various business, community/civic and arts related boards of directors and understands that, "art is life and life is art." Her commitment to education, community service and excellence is presented through the Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.

Founded in 2012, the Shufflin' Along, Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship Fund is a 501 (c ) 3 charitable organization that was established to provide financial assistance to high school/incoming college sophomore students in the form of academic scholarships to attend/or whom is attending any accredited performing arts institution in the United States of America. Annual scholarships are provided to high school graduates/incoming sophomore students pursuing a career in the performing arts (dance, acting, singing, music and musical theatre).

#### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**

Shufflin' Along Foundation will award the Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship Fund to a deserving student enabling them to pursue or continue academic studies in the field of the performing arts (dance, acting, singing, music and musical theatre) at any accredited performing arts university in the United States of America.

The Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship is a three-year award that provides a college scholarship up to \$3,000 for three academic years for students pursuing a degree in any genre of the performing arts (dance, acting, singing, music and musical theatre) at any accredited performing arts university in the United States of America. The award will be distributed in three disbursements; three fall semesters,

during three academic years. Only one application per student is required to cover the academic year. The student must maintain the standards of academic progress as defined by the Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship Fund Committee. The scholarship will be awarded and made payable to the student if the student can provide a fee sheet from the registrar's office to verify enrollment. However, if the student needs the funds to enroll in school, the check will be made payable to the university in attendance.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Applicants must meet the following requirements to apply for the Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship. You are eligible only if you meet all eligibility requirements.

1. High school senior/incoming college sophomore transitioning or already attending an accredited performing arts university in the United States of America
2. Pursuing a degree in any genre of the performing arts (dance, acting, singing, music and musical theatre)
3. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
4. Applicants are required to submit two typed essays (on-line); minimum of 300 words each
5. Must be in attendance or provide award acceptance via video (to be played) for the scholarship presentation on Saturday April 21, 2018 at 5:30pm
6. Community service involvement within the past 12-months with certified documentation (must be one of your references)
7. Must have experience in at least one genre of the performing arts and must submit a 2 to 4 minute video (via email) of each genre that displays your talent
  - a. **dance-ballet** (must include adagio, pirouettes, petit and grand allegro, and at least one full variation. Pointe shoes are required for females; no pointe shoes for males), **modern** (must include Horton or Graham technique styles), **jazz** (must include exercises of grand pliés, rond de jambe, extensions, balances, turns, jumps, and leaps) and **tap** (must include exercises and drills of differing rhythms and styles; you may also include: time step(s), maxie ford, pull-backs, irish time step, soft shoe and the Tap Dance National Anthem: "Shim Sham") **(60sec each)**
  - b. **acting**-comedic and dramatic monologue **(90sec each)** or classical and contemporary monologue **(90sec each)**; **\*Monologues should be from published works.\* Original materials should not be used.**
  - c. **singing**-musical theatre, classical repertoire or contemporary **(90sec or 32 bars)**; **\*Songs should be from published works.\* Original materials should not be used.**
  - d. **music**-musical theatre, classical repertoire or contemporary **(90sec or 32 bars)**; **\*Music should be from published works.\* Original materials should not be used.**
  - e. **musical theatre**-use the dance (except modern dance and no pointe shoes for ballet requirements), acting and singing (musical theatre or classical repertoire only) requirements

### **APPLICATION PACKET CONTENT:**

#### **OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT**

Applicants must request an official academic transcript from their most recent high school/university. Transcript must be mailed to Shufflin' Along, LLC.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:**

The Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship is attached.

### **ESSAY:**

Applicants are required to submit two typed essays (on-line); minimum of 300 words each.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT VERIFICATION:**

Applicants must have completed at least 20 hours of active community service within the past 12 months (must be one of your references).

### **VIDEO:**

Applicants must submit a 2 to 4 minute video electronically to [ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com](mailto:ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com). Video must consist of dance, acting, vocal, music or musical theatre that showcases their talent. Applicants must have a video that clearly showcases them in a solo presentation. **Applicants are required to speak at the opening of the video with a brief introduction of their name, the name of the piece, who choreographed, wrote or composed the work or works.**

### **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:**

Applicants must provide three recommendation letters (**to be completed on-line**) that discuss the applicant's 1) scholastic abilities, 2) community involvement, 3) dance, acting, vocal, music or musical theatre involvement, and 4) financial need. Recommendation letters must be from three of the following sources:

- Employer
- School official(s) (Principal, counselor, teacher, etc.)
- Religious Counselor (pastor, preacher, bishop, rabbi, etc)
- Dance Instructor/coach, acting instructor/coach, vocal instructor/coach, or music instructor/coach
- Community Leader

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The completed application packet must be submitted by February 16, 2018

### **COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ON-LINE AT:**

[www.ShufflinAlongLLC.com](http://www.ShufflinAlongLLC.com)

### **SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

[ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com](mailto:ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com)

### **All transcripts should be mailed to:**

Shufflin' Along, LLC  
ATTN: SAF Scholarship Fund  
POB 5242  
Shreveport, LA 71135

Please email any questions or comments to [ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com](mailto:ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com)

**SHUFFLIN' ALONG FOUNDATION & PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**On-Line Submission Deadline: February 16, 2018**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Female Male  
(please circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): --/--/----

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

**HIGH SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Name of High School/University \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

List all honors and awards that you have received since January 1, 2017 beginning with the most recent. **Submit an additional page if necessary.**

Honors and Awards Date Received (mm/yy)

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Please list and describe your leadership involvement over the past 2 to 4 years. **Submit an additional page if necessary.**

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Please list and describe your dance, acting, singing, music or musical theatre experience. Please include your Instructor(s)/coach(es) name(s).

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**CAREER GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CAREER GOALS:** Briefly state your career goals in 25 words or less.

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**Recommendation Letters:** Applicants must provide three recommendation (**to be submitted on-line**) letters that discuss the applicant's 1) scholastic abilities, 2) community involvement, 3) dance, acting, vocal, music or musical theatre involvement, and 4) financial need. Recommendation letters must be from three of the following sources:

- Employer
- School official(s) (Principal, counselor, teacher, etc.)
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- Dance Instructor/coach, acting instructor/coach, vocal instructor/coach, or music instructor/coach
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## **ESSAYS**

Write essays on these two topics. These essays should be 300 words each and submitted on-line.

**Personal Experience:** Describe a challenging experience in your life and what you learned from it.

**My dance, acting, singing, music or musical theatre experience:** What sparked your interest in the performing arts and who had an influence on you having a desire to pursue a performing arts career? What does this genre (dance, acting, singing, music or musical theatre) ultimately mean to you?

**APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE INFORMATION:**

I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application and the accompanying instructions. I understand that application materials become the property of SAF&PASF (Shufflin' Along Foundation & Performing Arts Scholarship Fund) and will not be returned. I hereby authorize SAF&PASF to share or publish my GPA, application and photo for the purpose of evaluation, recruitment, public relations, possible employment, or any other related activity. I understand that I must notify SAF&PASF of any change in my enrollment status. **I understand that at any given opportunity that I am showcased (performance, panel, ect.), if I am awarded the SAF scholarship, I must give VERBAL recognition to the Shufflin' Along Foundation and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.** I also understand that a change in full-time status and/or GPA decrease will result in the cancellation of any award.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Submit your application package by February 16, 2018 deadline to:  
[ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com](mailto:ShufflinAlongLLC@yahoo.com)

**Transcripts and a copy of your photo I.D. to:**  
**Shufflin' Along, LLC**  
**ATTN: SAF Scholarship Fund**  
**POB 5242**  
**Shreveport, LA 71135**

### **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

- \_\_\_ 1. Application- **all pages type-written, fully completed on-line**
- \_\_\_ 2. Transcript must be sent from the high school or university and contain their raised seal
- \_\_\_ 3. Essays- **submitted on-line**, two type written, double-spaced
- \_\_\_ 4. (3) Recommendation Letters- **submitted on-line** with the recommender's signature
- \_\_\_ 5. Form of identification- a picture ID with signature from the current state that you reside/live, **mailed to the address above**
- \_\_\_ 6. 2 to 4 minute video (**via email**) of any of the genres listed in this application that displays your talent
- \_\_\_ 7. **Black and white head shot-jpeg format (via email)**