

# The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts

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## DESCRIPTION

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts is a \$1,500 prize awarded for excellence in performance, execution, or composition in one of the arts, which include but are not limited to:

- Music: voice, instrumental, electronic, composition
- Theater + Performance Art: acting, direction/management, design/technical
- Dance: ballet, modern, jazz, tap, ethnic, choreography
- Creative Writing: poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, drama
- Film + New Media: video production, computer animation
- Visual Art: painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, sculpture, graphic design, printmaking, mixed media, digital media

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## ELIGIBILITY

The following students are eligible to apply:

- Graduating undergraduate seniors in the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences
- Graduating undergraduate seniors in the G.W.C. Whiting School of Engineering
- Graduating undergraduate seniors in the Peabody Institute, Conservatory of Music  
*(Note: Peabody students may not compete in music.)*
- Fourth-year students in the School of Medicine

Students must be in good standing and on track to receive a graduating degree at commencement. **Only individual students may apply.** Group applications are not accepted.

Mr. Louis Sudler's intention was that the Sudler Prize be an avocational award, reserved for highly talented amateurs rather than for pre-professional students in the arts. **Students whose major field of study relates to one of the arts may not submit in that category.**

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Evidence of excellence, artistry, and high standards of technical proficiency in one of the arts
- Pursuit of one of the arts as an avocation rather than as a career goal

## DEADLINE

11:59 p.m. EST, Sunday, March 25, 2018

All applications need to be submitted electronically to [sudlerprize@jhu.edu](mailto:sudlerprize@jhu.edu) via Dropbox by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2018. No late applications can be accepted, and all requested materials (including recommendations) should be turned in by this time.

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## 2017-2018 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Each art category has different requirements, so be sure you are sending in a complete application for your area of interest.

### Required Materials:

1. Completed application form (pdf file labeled: Last Name\_First Initial\_Application)
2. An electronic letter of recommendation (doc or pdf file) from a faculty member or other teacher knowledgeable about your artistic achievement while at Johns Hopkins, sent directly to [sudlerprize@jhu.edu](mailto:sudlerprize@jhu.edu)
3. Examples of work that support your application, done during the period of your matriculation at Johns Hopkins. *Please note the different media requirements for each area of interest:*

**MUSIC:** Submit at least 2 audio recordings (mp3 files or weblink addresses for online audio—not to exceed 20 minutes total) of your vocal, instrumental, or electronic performances or original compositions. *Note: One recording must be of solo performance. If you are part of an ensemble, or the composer, make clear who you are in the work sample.*

**THEATER + PERFORMANCE ART:** Submit a video (mov, wmv, flv or mp4 file or weblink address for online video—not to exceed 20 minutes) showing at least two scenes or excerpts of your best performances or examples of your directing work. *Note: If you are part of an ensemble, make clear who you are in the work sample.* For design, technical, or stage management work, submit a pdf file that includes photos of productions specifying your responsibilities, as well as sketches and drafting of design/technical work or materials appropriate to your project management, if applicable.

**DANCE:** Submit a video (mov, wmv, flv or mp4 file or weblink address for online video—not to exceed 20 minutes) showing at least two of your best performances in any dance style or examples of your original choreography. *Note: One work sample must be a solo performance. If you are part of an ensemble, make clear who you are in the work sample.*

**CREATIVE WRITING:** Submit at least two short works or excerpts (doc or pdf files—not to exceed 75 pages). Any genre is accepted: poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, drama.

**FILM + NEW MEDIA:** Submit a video (mov, wmv, flv or mp4 file or weblink address for online video—not to exceed 20 minutes) showing examples of your film, video production, computer animation, or other new media.

**VISUAL ART:** Submit a digital portfolio of images (jpg files, 72 dpi, no larger than 1240 x 1240 pixels in either dimension—5–15 images total) representing 5–10 pieces of your best work. Any medium is accepted: painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, sculpture, graphic design, printmaking, mixed media, digital media. Number your images in the order that you want them viewed, i.e. Last Name\_First Initial\_ImageNumber\_Title. Images must be sharp, clear, and of sufficient size to be able to examine the work in detail. *Note: Original artwork represented in the digital portfolio may be submitted by advance arrangement before March 23 by emailing [sudlerprize@jhu.edu](mailto:sudlerprize@jhu.edu).*

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## Optional Materials:

1. Professional critiques or reviews of your works or performances.
2. Artistic résumé listing performances, exhibits, publications, etc.

## SUGGESTIONS

- Focus on **one** of the arts rather than submitting in several categories.
- Submit works or performances that represent your most significant achievements.
- The samples of your work are the most important items in the selection process, so be sure what you submit is of the highest quality. If you are part of an ensemble, make clear who you are in the work sample so you can be identified.
- For weblink addresses to audio/video files hosted on external sites (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.), be sure to provide the password for password-protected clips and test your links to make sure they are active.

## YOUR APPLICATION FOLDER

- Create a folder on your desktop or another location on your hard drive. Name the folder as follows:

**LastName\_FirstName\_Sudler2018 (Example: Smith\_Mary\_Sudler2018)**

Place the following into your folder:

- **Your PDF application** file labeled: Last Name\_First Initial\_Application.
- **Your supporting materials:** Media files or documents for the area you are applying under.
- Any optional materials (see above).

## UPLOADING YOUR FOLDER TO DROPBOX

**The deadline is Sunday, March 25, 2018 by 11:59 p.m. EST. Do not wait until the last minute to avoid “traffic jams” in our Dropbox account.**

- Create a Dropbox Account if you don't already have one (free) at <https://www.dropbox.com/>.
- Download and read the *Getting Started* file from Dropbox.
- Follow the instructions for uploading your Application Folder to Dropbox.
- Select your Application Folder.
- Click **SHARE**, then select **Invite People to Collaborate** and enter the address below:  
**sudlerprize@jhu.edu**
- You will receive a confirmation email when we “accept” your Application Folder.

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## SELECTION PROCEDURE

Members of the Sudler Arts Prize Committee, composed of faculty and administrators from the Homewood campus, the Peabody Institute, and the School of Medicine, review all materials submitted and recommend a candidate to the president.

Under the terms of the Sudler Prize, the president makes the final selection and notifies the winner, whose name appears in the commencement program. The Sudler Prize winner receives a check for \$1,500

The Sudler Arts Prize Committee simultaneously considers candidates for the President's Commendation for Achievement in the Arts, which is a service award to honor a graduating undergraduate senior in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, the Whiting School of Engineering, or the Peabody Institute who has contributed extensively to the arts in the Homewood and/or Baltimore communities. The winner of the President's Commendation receives a certificate and his or her name also appears in the commencement program.

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## QUESTIONS?

**Direct all questions to [sudlerprize@jhu.edu](mailto:sudlerprize@jhu.edu)**