



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Arts Coordinators

FROM: C. Matthew Ferguson
Deputy Superintendent & Chief Academic Officer
Division of College- and Career-Readiness

DATE: October 29, 2024

RE: Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is announcing the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. This annual program offers twelfth-grade students in South Carolina's public schools the opportunity to compete for a scholarship valued at approximately \$2,000. The purpose of the competition is to encourage and recognize academic and artistic excellence in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked on or before Monday, February 19, 2025.

Send applications to South Carolina Department of Education c/o Roger Simpson, 849 Learning Lane, West Columbia, SC, 29172. Please see the attached applications for additional submission guidelines for each respective arts area. Applications are also available on the [SCDE website](#).

Panels of adjudicators will review submissions and select a winner and two alternates for each arts area. Adjudicators will base their selections on individual arts discipline criteria and the correlation of the process folio to the finished work. Awards will be announced in May 2025.

We hope that you will encourage participation in the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. Please forward this information to your school counseling offices, arts faculty, and eligible students. For additional information, please contact Roger Simpson at rsimpson@ed.sc.gov.