



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: November 9, 2015

RE: 2015-16 Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program

The Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program offers public school twelfth-grade students the opportunity to compete for a scholarship worth approximately \$2,000 in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. The purpose of the competition is to encourage and recognize academic and artistic excellence.

Applicants may participate in one of the following discipline areas: creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts. To compete, students should submit one original composition and a process folio for the visual arts area and an original and two copies of the original composition and process folio for the creative writing, dance, music, or theatre categories. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked on or before Friday, February 5, 2016.**

Applications are available [online](#) and should be sent to Carrie Ann Power, South Carolina Department of Education, 1429 Senate Street, Suite 607-B, Columbia, SC 29201.

Panels of adjudicators in each area will review submissions and select a recipient and two alternates in 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 2016.

We hope that you will encourage participation in the annual Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. Please forward this information to your school Guidance Departments, Visual and Performing Arts, and English Language Arts teachers and eligible students. For additional information, please contact Ms. Power at (803) 734-0323, cpower@ed.sc.gov.