



Las Casas Foundation's Performing Arts Scholarship Program Rules and Guidelines Vocal

**Deadline to submit application: Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
*Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.***

Now in its 12th year, Las Casas is proud to present the 2020 Performing Arts Scholarship Program. This annual program, which culminates in the Joci Awards, a one-night showcase of 25 talented performing arts students in San Antonio and the surrounding area, awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships each year. Since its inception in 2009, Las Casas has awarded more than \$1 million, making it the largest scholarship funding source of its kind in the United States.

PARTICIPATION

Las Casas Foundation's Performing Arts Scholarship Program is open to students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens and residents of the State of Texas. Students applying in the Vocal category must be enrolled in public or private schools or home schooled. Students may only compete in one category.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

All students must submit a complete application via the Las Casas Foundation website by *Sunday, February 9, 2020*. In addition to basic information, students are required to submit a resume, headshot, and a 2-minute topic response video. Students are also required to attend Preliminary Auditions and if selected as a finalist, a master class, all rehearsals the week leading up to the Joci Awards (Tuesday, May 12 – Saturday, May 16, 2020), and the Joci Awards on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All application submissions must be completed by the student online at www.lascasasfoundation.org and include the following:

1. Completed application form
2. Recent photo/headshot (*Note: If selected as a finalist, photo will be used in Joci Awards program, social media, and other marketing materials*)
3. Resume
4. **Link to no more than 2-minute video**, uploaded to YouTube, answering **ONE** of the following questions: (*Note: Video may be set to 'Unlisted,' but must be 'Public' in order to be viewed.*)

- a. Why should Las Casas continue to invest in the performing arts?
- b. Why do you want to be a part of Las Casas' scholarship program?
- c. If you receive a scholarship from Las Casas to pursue your dreams, how will you in turn give back to the next generation of performers?

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SCHEDULE

WORKSHOP (*Optional, but Highly Recommended*)

Saturday, February 15 and Saturday, February 29, 2020 (*Applicants may attend one or both*)

LOCATION TBD

Call Time: 9 a.m.

All students who successfully complete their application packets will be invited to attend a free professional workshop for audition basics, performance strategies, and material selection with individual coaching.

Please bring a clean copy of your sheet music, with 32-bar cut clearly indicated, presented in a three-ring binder. No loose sheet music or bound songbooks. If you have not memorized your music, be sure to bring an extra copy for yourself. Dress code: Casual

PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS (*Mandatory*)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Charline McCombs Empire Theatre

226 N. St. Mary's St.

San Antonio, TX 78205

Time: An individual time will be assigned shortly after the application deadline. Applicants will be notified by email in advance.

Please come prepared with a 32-bar cut with marked sheet music. A piano accompanist will be provided, or you may bring your own piano accompanist. You may not accompany yourself, and no acapella performances are allowed. If selected as a finalist, student will be required to submit the sheet music for their performance piece to Las Casas.

- All audition pieces must be from published musical theatre productions. Solo musical pieces selected from contemporary rock and roll, hip-hop, etc. that are not associated with a published musical theatre production are not permitted.
- If you have auditioned for this program in the past, please prepare a piece separate from one(s) you have submitted previously.
- Approved material selection changes will be allowed until Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 5 p.m.; please email Ana Flores at ana@lascasasfoundation.org for selection changes. No phone calls please.
- Selections should be age and content-appropriate.
- Props and costumes are not allowed for preliminary auditions.
- Dress as you would for a professional audition. No formal wear or provocative clothing.

- A panel of judges will rank each preliminary audition on a point scale; audition results will be tabulated by the Foundation. Students receiving the highest rankings in each category from the preliminary audition advance as finalists. Results are final.
- Any attempt to contact judges, staff, or Board of Directors to influence the outcome will disqualify students from the program with a lifetime ban.
- Advancing to the Joci Awards in previous years does not guarantee advancement in subsequent years.
- Judges' feedback (scores) will be available upon request.

MASTER CLASS (*Mandatory for Finalists*)

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Call Time: TBD

A Master Class for finalists will provide instruction by theatre professionals.

JOCI AWARDS REHEARSAL (*Mandatory for Finalists*)

Tuesday, May 12 – Saturday, May 16, 2020

Location: TBD

Call Time: TBD

JOCI AWARDS (*Mandatory for Finalists*)

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Charline McCombs Empire Theatre

226 N. St. Mary's St.

San Antonio, TX 78205

Call Time: TBD

Note: Dress rehearsal the day of the Joci Awards is mandatory for all performers. Please be advised that failure to attend dress rehearsal may result in disqualification; final decision is at the discretion of the show's producers.

Vocalists will perform, in full, the selection from their preliminary audition. A piano accompanist will be provided. You may not accompany yourself or provide your own accompanist. No acapella performances are allowed.

Dress Code: Costume related to performance piece is highly encouraged.

OVERALL AWARD

An additional prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to one student based on their performance at the Joci Awards. The highest ranked students in each category (Vocal, Acting, Dance, Best Lead Actress in a Musical and Best Lead Actor in a Musical) will be considered for the overall award.

Results from preliminary auditions and Joci Awards are final. Any attempt to contact judges, staff, or Board of Directors to influence the outcome will disqualify students from the program with a lifetime ban.

2020 LAS CASAS PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM VOCAL

SCORING: Superior (10); Poor (1)

TONE QUALITY & PRODUCTION

• Sound is developed										
• Sound is focused										
• Sound is well supported	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
• Sound is forward and can be heard from the audience										

MUSICIANSHIP

• Understanding of rhythm										
• Use of proper diction										
• Use of phrasing	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
• Dynamics										

CHARACTERIZATION

• Clear character development										
• Staging, use of space, entrance/exit	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
• Strong, active objectives										
• Consistent and believable										

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

• Appropriate material										
• Commitment to the piece										
• Focus and concentration	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
• Raw talent and basic instrument well showcased										

TOTAL POINTS: _____

Judge's Printed Name: _____

Judge's Signature: _____