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GSA 2020 – 2021 Important Dates, Info Sessions, and Information for Applicants

Dates are subject to shift/change.

In addition to the information below, review an overview of the summer program and application FAQ here and check out previous applicant resources here. Contact us with questions at gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org

October 1st – Virtual Info Session: GSA 101!

4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT

An overview of GSA's summer program and the application process. Click here to view a recording of this webinar.

October 14th – Applicant Guides Released

These important documents describe the application/audition process and criteria for GSA 2021, enabling applicants to start honing their materials. Click here to review last year's applicant guides for context.

October 15th – Virtual Info Session: What's an Applicant Guide?!

4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT

An overview of these important documents and how applicants can use them to submit the strongest application possible. Q&A included; session will be recorded and made available here afterward. FREE, BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT THIS LINK.

October 29th – Virtual Info Session: GSA Application Walk-through!

4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT

A step-by-step review of what it's like to complete a GSA application. Q&A included; session will be recorded and made available here afterward. FREE, BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT THIS LINK.

By November 4th – GSA 2021 Application Window Opens

Students will be able to start uploading their applications materials. Read the applicant guides (referenced above) for more information; the entire application is virtual. All completed applications will be considered. Applications are due January 10th.

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November through December – Virtual Info Sessions: Meet Your Adjudicators!

Dates/times listed below
Conversations with adjudicators in each art form about what they're looking for in GSA applicants. Q&A included; each session will be recorded and made available here afterward. FREE, BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED VIA LINKS BELOW.

- Architecture & Design: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, November 17th (Register HERE)
- Creative Writing: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, December 3rd (Register HERE)
- Dance: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, November 16th (Register HERE)
- Drama: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, December 2nd (Register HERE)
- Film & Photography: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, November 19th (Register HERE)
- Instrumental Music: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, December 1st (Register HERE)
- Musical Theatre: 6:30 p.m. ET/5:30 p.m. CT, November 20th (Register HERE)
- Visual Art: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, November 18th (Register HERE)
- Vocal Music: 4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT, December 4th (Register HERE)

December 17th – Virtual Info Session: Open Q&A!
4:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. CT
A final opportunity to ask questions via webinar (but remember you can contact GSA anytime at gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org). FREE, BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT THIS LINK.

January 10th, 2021 – GSA 2021 Application due by 11:59 p.m.
Applicants are encouraged to upload their applications before this date; GSA offices will not be staffed over the weekend and we will not be accessible to answer questions after January 8th.

February 19th – GSA 2021 Finalists Announced
All applicants will be notified of whether they have advanced to the final round of adjudication.

March 19th & 20th – Final Round Auditions & Reviews
All Finalists will attend an in-person audition/review if health guidelines allow; if auditions must shift to a virtual model, more information will be sent to applicants. If in-person auditions take place, finalists will only need to attend one day. Friday auditions run from noon to 6 p.m. Eastern; Saturday auditions run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern.

Friday, April 16th – Announcement of GSA 2021 Accepted Students and Alternates
All Finalists will be notified of whether they have been accepted into the summer program. A list of alternates will also be announced.

June 27th – 17th: GSA 2021 Summer Program at the University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)