

# MAGNET ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL ARTS

## 2026-2027 STUDENT APPLICATION

*Serving creative and talented students in St. Landry Parish*



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## ABOUT MACA

MACA is home to St. Landry Parish students who have been deemed talented in one of the six art areas: creative writing, dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual arts, and vocal music. With an emphasis on the arts, the school thrives by offering a rich curriculum that incorporates the arts while focusing on a full offering of academic subjects. The expected results are exceptional, well-rounded students whose performances in core curricular areas are enhanced by utilizing interdisciplinary collaboration with the arts.

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING

- All applications must be completed via online or returned to the school by **Friday, April 17, 2026**.
- Students applying must be residents of St. Landry Parish and entering grades 7-12 in the 2026-2027 school year.
- The following items must accompany each application. Applications that do include the following will not be processed.
  1. Most current report card
  2. A completed Personal Recommendation form (attached) from a teacher, doctor or community member (not related to the student) attesting to the student's talent, ability, and character.
  3. A completed Administrator's Recommendation (attached) form from the principal, assistant principal, administrative assistant or school counselor attesting to the student's behavior, attendance, academic performance and character.
- Students may audition in two talent areas. The student must state his/her first choice and second choice.
- Auditions will be held at MACA in late April/early May 2026. Parents/Guardians will be contacted in advance to schedule audition appointments and notified via postage mail of the results after all auditions are completed.
- A completed application form and an audition **DO NOT** guarantee acceptance into MACA. All new students must have an acceptance letter to register for the 2026-2027 school year. All state identified talented students must go through the audition process.

## AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- **Band Instruments**: The student must perform the District III Honor Audition Scales (F, Bb, Eb, Ab) and the chromatic scale.
  - Percussion players must play the Long Roll, 5 Stroke Roll, 9 Stroke Roll, and flams.
  - In addition, each student must play two contrasting songs either from your current method book or District III Middle School Honor Band Etudes.
  - Bb, Eb and Ab Scales and contrasting songs can be downloaded from the following link.  
Scales and Etude:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X36iGHL1aqaHWNUmMmHOgs4Uf8o1l\\_S/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X36iGHL1aqaHWNUmMmHOgs4Uf8o1l_S/view)
  - **Piano**: The student must perform C, G, F, and D scales. Each scale must be performed in two octaves with two hands ascending and descending.
  - Each student must perform two (2) contrasting pieces/solos. A keyboard will be available. The major scales may be downloaded from: <https://www.pianostreet.com/piano-scales-major.pdf>
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## CREATIVE WRITING

- The student must submit two (2) original samples of his or her writing in two different styles (i.e. poem, essay, etc.); at least 1 should be a creative piece.
  - **Parents will be contacted by text with a date and time for the audition.**
  - The audition will consist of a 30-minute writing exercise, followed by an interview.
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## THEATRE

- The student must present a prepared, memorized monologue or short story of approximately two (2) minutes in length, followed by an interview. A copy of the piece must be brought to the audition.
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## VISUAL ARTS

- The student must submit a portfolio consisting of a minimum of five (5) original works of art. **The student's name should be on each piece of art.**
    - 2 pieces of art with topics of your choice. Draw what you like to draw
    - 3 pieces of art with shading: 1 landscape, 1 person, 1 still life
  - Artwork can consist of but isn't limited to the following:
    - Pencil (no smudging allowed)
    - Paint
    - Ink
    - Color pencil
  - The artwork should be recent (January 2026 to the present day)
  - **DO NOT** use loose-leaf or lined paper. Use typing paper, sketchbook paper, or canvas.
  - The art should be no smaller than 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 18" x 20".
  - The student will participate in an on-site drawing exercise, followed by an interview. The art portfolio outlined above is **REQUIRED** for the application to be considered complete.
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## VOCAL MUSIC

- The student must perform two (2) contrasting selections (a recorded instrumental track is optional), followed by a pitch-matching test and an interview.
  - No rap auditions will be accepted; all music must be melodic in nature. Suggested genres are folk music, patriotic songs, or hymns.
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## DANCE

- The student is required to perform a dance routine in one of the following dance genres: lyrical, jazz, ballet, or tap displaying basic technique. Inappropriate movements are unacceptable. An interview will follow and will include questions about the movements presented.
  - The student is required to provide appropriate music not exceeding 1 minute in length. Rap & Hip Hop music are unacceptable for this audition.
  - The student is required to wear proper dance attire and dance shoes for this audition. A costume is optional. The student must wear a cover-up over dancewear or costume to enter and exit the MACA building.
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**DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

**PART I: STUDENT INFORMATION**

Please provide ALL requested information to ensure completion of the application. **Only students whose applications are completed will be scheduled for auditions.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

*If the student's legal guardian is someone other than a parent, please specify below:*

Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Communication:  Call  Text  Email

Sibling(s) that have attended or currently attend MACA: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need bus transportation to MACA if accepted?  Yes  No

Please indicate your preferred art area(s). **Put a 1 by your first choice and a 2 by your second choice.**

Do you currently have a Talent IEP?

Yes  No

If yes, which talent area \_\_\_\_\_

Creative Writing  Theatre  Dance

Vocal Music  Visual Arts

Instrumental Music: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument Played

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## **PART II: LETTER OF INTENT**

**A letter of intent must accompany your application.** In the space provided, the applicant should write his or her letter of intent, using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The letter should address:

- The art area(s) he or she is auditioning for.
- Why he or she wants to attend the Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts.
- His or her personal strengths and skills related to the art area(s).

## Part III: Administrator's Recommendation



<b>Student Name:</b>	
<b>Student's Current Grade:</b>	
<b>Administrator's Name</b>	
<b>Administrator's School:</b>	

This student is applying to MACA (Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts), a school for creative and talented students in Opelousas, La. The student and his/her parents/guardians have waived their rights to see this recommendation. Please feel free to provide us with an open and honest opinion on the traits of this student.

**The deadline is April 17, 2026.**

<b>Please Check one...</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
Character (honesty, attitude etc.)				
Participation (at school, church, community etc.)				
Discipline/Behavior				
Timely completion of work (job, homework, assignments)				
Social relationships w/peers				
Relationships with adult/respect for authority				
Ability to work in groups				
Punctuality				
Comments or Concerns:				

### **Overall Recommendation (Circle one):**

Highly Recommend      Recommend      Recommend with Reservations      Do not Recommend

<b>Administrator's Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

# Part IV: Personal Recommendation



<b>Student Name:</b>	
<b>Student's Current Grade:</b>	
<b>Person's name completing form:</b>	

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Timely completion of work (job, homework, assignments)				
Social relationships w/peers				
Relationships with adult/respect for authority				
Ability to work in groups				
Punctuality				
Comments or Concerns:				

### Overall Recommendation (Circle one):

Highly Recommend      Recommend      Recommend with Reservations      Do not Recommend

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

## PART V: AGREEMENT

### Applicant

- I understand that if I am accepted into Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, I will be committed to completing all required assignments, activities, and programs required for my art area courses and following all of MACA's regulations.
- I understand that my status as a MACA student can be withdrawn, and I can be transferred back to my base school if I:
  - Have less than 95% attendance (not including excused absences).
  - Have lower than a 2.0 GPA in my art area for two consecutive grading periods.
  - Have a final grade in my art area lower than a C.
  - Am suspended or expelled.
- I attest that everything I have included in this application is true.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
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### Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- I have read this application and the information document and approve of my child's application to Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts. I agree to release my child's school records to the MACA Admission Committee for use in the application process.
- I understand that by signing this form, I agree that my child must abide by all of the requirements above.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
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E-mail application and documents to [maca@slpsb.org](mailto:maca@slpsb.org) or deliver the application and all materials to:

Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts

1100 E. Leo Street

Opelousas, LA 70570

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