Louis B. Sudler Prize in the Arts

The Louis B. Sudler Prize will be awarded to one or more graduating seniors who, in the judgment of faculty, have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the areas of the performing and creative arts, including the fine arts, music, creative writing, theatre, and electronic/photographic arts, and who also show promise of future achievement. Nominees must be members of the senior graduating class (Fall, Spring, or Summer semester). The students need not have majored in the arts, but qualified applicants will have demonstrated outstanding achievement in one of the areas named above.

Qualified students who are interested in applying should assemble and submit a packet containing the following materials (all of these materials must be submitted for the application to be considered):

1. A faculty nomination letter. This letter should detail the faculty member’s rationale for selecting the student, a reflection of relevant past achievements and current activities and an analysis of the nominee's potential for artistic growth and development during the next ten years.
2. A student essay of no more than 500 words that considers the value of the arts to the student’s education and the manner in which this value-added experience has prepared the student for her/his future.
3. A chairperson/director endorsement (See the attached form. Chairs/directors are limited to 3 endorsements.)
4. One additional letter of recommendation from a supporting faculty member.
5. A summary of creative artistic accomplishments or media samples of applicant’s work, e.g. recorded performances in digital format (website, DVD, CD, jump drive), art samples, writing samples, etc. Applicants must submit 5 copies of materials.
6. A signed release form (attached)

Please submit ALL materials by Monday, March 12th (with chairperson/director endorsement) to:

Sudler Prize Committee
Michigan State University
College of Arts and Letters
479 W. Circle – Suite 200 Linton Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824-1044

Please direct any questions regarding the Louis B. Sudler Prize to Pete Havlatka (havlatk1@msu.edu).
I endorse the nomination of ______________________________
(Name of student)

for the Sudler Prize in the Arts. I have verified that the student will be a graduating senior during the ________ semester.

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Signature of Chairperson/Director    Date
If I am a recipient of the Louis B. Sudler Prize, I authorize the College of Arts and Letters to release my name and information regarding this award to donors and the media.

Name (Please print)

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Signature

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Date

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SIGN AND RETURN THIS AUTHORIZATION WITH THEIR NOMINATION PACKET.