The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln seeks applications for the 13th annual Nebraska Young Artist awards.

The awards annually recognize 11th grade students from Nebraska who are talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music, theater, film and new media. These students exemplify the pinnacles of creativity in one of the fine and performing arts.

To be recognized, students must submit an application, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or private instructor, and a sample of their work. Full instructions and the application are available on the college's Web site, www.unl.edu/finearts/yaa, or by contacting Kathe Andersen at (402) 472-9355 or kandersen1@unl.edu.

Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 11.

The applications will be judged by UNL Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts faculty, and the winning students will be invited to a special day of recognition March 29. Honored students will take tours of the arts facilities, attend classes, and meet faculty and college students. Their parents will also be invited. The day will conclude with an awards ceremony.

Students selected to participate in the Nebraska Young Artist awards will also be asked to nominate the teacher who provided them with the greatest amount of mentoring and support in the development of their special talents.