

Elizabethtown College
Scholarship and Creative Arts Day

What is the purpose of Scholarship and Creative Arts Day?

Scholarship and Creative Arts Day is a celebration of the scholarly and creative accomplishments of Elizabethtown's students. Through a variety of scheduled activities – including academic presentations, posters, performances and exhibits – students will have the opportunity to present their work and showcase their skills and abilities.

As a result of their involvement in the conference, students will receive invaluable experience and be given feedback from the College community. Additionally, their participation will be an impressive entry on a resume or a graduate school application.

When will Elizabethtown College hold the 2009 Scholarship and Creative Arts Day?

Elizabethtown College will hold our 2009 Scholarship and Creative Arts Day on Tuesday, April 21. This collection of events and presentations will begin the evening of Monday, April 20. On Tuesday, all classes will be canceled so that faculty, staff and students can attend a variety of events featuring the talents and scholarship of Elizabethtown's students.

This year's keynote address will feature Dr. Paul Farmer, founding director of Partners In Health. The event is scheduled to take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21 in Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who can participate in Scholarship and Creative Arts Day?

All students and faculty are encouraged to attend Scholarship and Creative Arts Day events. Elizabethtown College staff members also are welcome to attend, as their schedule and work load allows. Additionally, parents and community members may join in the celebration. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

How do students sign up to present, exhibit or perform during Scholarship and Creative Arts Day?

All those students interested in participating in Scholarship and Creative Arts Day must be "sponsored" by a faculty mentor and must register for the program through the online registration form found on the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day [website](#). The submission period will open Monday, March 9 and conclude Friday, March 20.

On the registration form, students will be required to provide personal contact information, to list their faculty mentor and any collaborators, and to provide a title and short abstract (250 words or less) of their proposed program. Prior to submission, all abstracts should be reviewed by faculty mentors. The abstracts will be printed as submitted in the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day program.

Only those students **not** selected for participation will be notified by the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day Committee. All others should assume that their presentation will be featured as part of the program.

What is an abstract?

An abstract is a brief paragraph – no more than 250 words – that provides members of the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day Committee and event attendees with an understanding of the nature and content of the presentation, performance or exhibit. For academic presentations, an abstract could include a short summary of the conclusions of a student's research and a brief description of the process used to reach those conclusions. For creative arts performances and exhibitions, an abstract could be a brief description of the event, including the title of the performance or music, the style of dance, or the medium used in the creation of the exhibit. Students should contact their department chairs with questions about the expected content of the abstract.

All abstracts will be printed in the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day program. Students should take care to ensure that the abstract is grammatically correct and free of typographical errors as it will not be proofed or edited prior to inclusion.

Who is a faculty mentor?

All students interested in presenting, performing or exhibiting must have an Elizabethtown College faculty mentor. The faculty mentor – who can be any full-time or adjunct member of Elizabethtown College's faculty – will advise the student presenters, performers and exhibitors in order to improve the quality of their effort and foster greater learning and personal growth. Faculty mentors must review all abstracts prior to submission. If submissions are made as part of a class, then the course's instructor is the faculty mentor.

What types of projects will be allowed?

The intent of Scholarship and Creative Arts Day is to nurture the creativity and scholarship of Elizabethtown students. Accordingly, the Scholarship and Creative Arts Committee and the College's academic departments will be very flexible in accepting and scheduling presentations. Any research or other type of creative work will be considered. If you need some suggestions on possible topics, please speak with a faculty mentor.

How long does a presentation need to be?

Presentations should be either 15 minutes or 30 minutes in length. If you need an exception to this, please contact scad@etown.edu to discuss modification of the session times.

Can students present at more than one session?

Assuming the schedule permits, students may present their work in two separate sessions. Please fill out a submission for each presentation and note on each submission that you would like the presentations scheduled at separate times.

What is the due date for submitting a proposal?

All students interested in presenting, performing or exhibiting must register by Friday, March 20.

When will I know if my proposal is accepted?

The Scholarship and Creative Arts Day Committee will notify only those presenters not selected for participation. All other students who submit a project should assume that they will be featured as part of the program.

When will a schedule of events be available for Scholarship and Creative Arts Day?

In early April, a comprehensive calendar of events will be published on the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day [website](#). The campus community will be informed through Campus News about its availability.

Where can I find out more about Scholarship and Creative Arts Day?

Information about Scholarship and Creative Arts Day can be found on the Scholarship and Creative Arts Day [website](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact Scholarship and Creative Arts Day Committee at scad@etown.edu.