

National Society of Arts and Letters Records
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Collection Summary

Title: National Society of Arts and Letters Records

Span Dates: 1944-1987

ID No.: MSS34330

Creator: National Society of Arts and Letters

Extent: 3,700 items

Extent: 42 containers

Extent: 11 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the support of young artists in the performing, literary, and visual arts. Correspondence; minutes of meetings; copies of the society's publications, *The Record of the National Society of Arts and Letters* and the *Year Book and Roster*; programs; clippings; printed matter; scrapbooks; photographs; and other records relating primarily to the society's program of awards and scholarships promoting careers in art, dance, literature, music, and theater. Includes separate records of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the society.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

National Society of Arts and Letters (U.S.)

National Society of Arts and Letters (U.S.). Washington Chapter. National Society of Arts and Letters. Washington Chapter records.

Subjects

Arts--United States--Societies, etc.

Arts--Washington (D.C.)--Societies, etc.

Arts.

Dance.

Literature.

Music.

Theater.

Titles

Record of the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Year book and roster.

Provenance

The records of the National Society of Arts and Letters were given to the Library of Congress by the organization via local chapters, 1965-1991.

Processing History

The records of the National Society of Arts and Letters were processed in 1972. Additions and revisions were made in 1979, 1987, and 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the National Society of Arts and Letters is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the National Society of Arts and Letters are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, National Society of Arts and Letters Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the National Society of Arts and Letters span the years 1944-1987. The collection consists of correspondence; minutes of meetings; copies of the society's publications, *The Record of the National Society of Arts and Letters* and the *Year Book and Roster*; programs; clippings; printed matter; scrapbooks; photographs; and other records relating primarily to the society's program of awards and scholarships promoting careers in art, dance, literature, music, and theater. Included are separate records of the society's Washington, D.C. Chapter.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection organized by type of material, with three additions filed at the end.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	<i>The Record</i>
BOX 1	1944-1947
BOX 2	1948-1964
BOX 3	1944-1966, annotated by Francesca F. Miller
BOX 4	1966-1975
BOX 5	Minutes of meetings, 1944-1963
BOX 5	Policies of the society
BOX 5	List of chapter presidents
BOX 5	List of proposed national officers
BOX 6	Yearbooks and rosters, 1944-1976
BOX 7	Scrapbooks
BOX 7	1944-1953
BOX 8	1948-1950
BOX 9	1950-1952
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BOX 12	1958-1960
BOX 13	1960-1961
BOX 14	1961-1962
BOX 15	1963-1964
BOX 15	Book 1
BOX 16	Book 2
BOX 17	1965-1966
BOX 17	Book 1
BOX 18	Book 2
BOX 19	1966-1968
BOX 20	Loose items removed from scrapbooks
BOX 21	Washington, D.C., Chapter
BOX 21	Yearbooks
BOX 21	Who's who of scholarship winners
BOX 22	Scrapbooks
BOX 22	1944-1951
BOX 23	1952-1959
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BOX 25	1959-1965
BOX 26	1964-1965
BOX 27	1965-1967
BOX 28	1968-1970
BOX 29	1969-1971
BOX 30	1971-1974

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BOX 31	1974-1977
BOX 32	Addition I, 1945-1987, undated
BOX 32	Miscellany, 1986, undated
BOX 32	Printed matter
BOX 32	Catalogs, 1979-1983
BOX 32	Miscellany, 1958-1986 and undated
BOX 32	Newsletters, 1981-1986
BOX 32	<i>The Record</i> , 1980-1986
BOX 32	Yearbooks and rosters, 1980-1986
BOX 32	Loose items removed from scrapbook, 1974-1978
BOX 33	Scrapbook, 1974-1978
BOX 34	Clippings (2 folders)
BOX 35	Washington, D.C., Chapter
BOX 35	Correspondence, 1952-1986, undated
BOX 35	Photographs
BOX 35	WTOP radio script, 1945
BOX 35	Printed matter
BOX 35	Invitations and announcements
BOX 35	Miscellany
BOX 35	Newsletters, 1981-1986
BOX 35	Programs, 1950-1958
BOX 35	Programs, 1980-1986
BOX 35	"Scholarship and Awards," catalogs, 1945-1987
BOX 36	Addition II, 1950-1985, undated
BOX 36	Miscellany
BOX 36	General
BOX 36	News releases, 1974
BOX 36	Oversize
BOX 36	Patterson, Carolyn Bennett
BOX 36	Photographs
BOX 36	Scholarship applications
BOX 36	Snapshots and negatives
BOX 36	Scrapbooks
BOX 36	Art scholarship contests, 1973-1974
BOX 36	General
BOX 37	Washington, D.C., Chapter
BOX 37	Miscellany
BOX 37	Scrapbooks
BOX 37	General
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BOX 39	"NSAL News," 1974-1985
BOX 39	Printed matter
BOX 39	Clippings
BOX 40	Addition III, 1950-1991
BOX 40	Washington, D.C., Chapter, scrapbook, 1980-1982

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BOX 41	Miscellany, 1950-1991 (10 folders)
BOX 42	(9 folders)