



March 10, 2025

Dear -----:

I serve on the Board of Directors of [Accola](#), a new, independent nonprofit organization influenced by the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet that is committed to responding boldly to the needs of our time with transformative programs.

I look forward to the opportunity to tell you all about the great work we do at Learning In Style School, Sarah's. . . an Oasis for Women, and Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality. But now I want to invite you to participate (from the comfort of your own home!) in one of our major fund-raising events of the year, our **Accola Online Auction**. Our auction will be active from **Wednesday, April 2 – Friday, April 11, 2025** and will feature 50-75 fascinating items and experiences.

I'm inviting you to join in the fun. Please consider helping us in one of the following ways.

1. Participate in the auction by bidding and, we hope, winning something great. Just visit this link *[will be inserted in early March]*, register, and start bidding. No need to get dressed up. Just sit back and bid – early and often. Good luck!
2. Donating an item or an experience will help make this auction a great success. Specifically, Accola is looking for big-ticket items: airline miles; a week or weekend at a lake home, cabin or vacation home; connections with a chef for a special dinner; and tickets to concerts, sporting events, live theatre, museums, etc. We are also seeking gift cards valued at \$25 and up (restaurants, spas, retail shops, etc); wine or liquor of any kind; other new items with a value of \$50 or more. If you have a donation, please let me know and I'll make sure it gets to Accola.
3. Promote the Accola Online Auction to your friends and family. Use social media or email them your version of the attached letter. More traffic to the auction = more bids = higher bids = more money raised for Accola. A Donate Now button will also be featured to capture donations from people who choose not to bid.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!