

GRAND RAPIDS COMBINED THEATRE SCHOLARSHIPS



APPLICATION

The purpose of the Grand Rapids Combined Theatre Scholarship Fund is to award college/university level scholarships to students from the Greater Grand Rapids, Michigan Metropolitan Area pursuing a course of study in the theatre arts, thereby encouraging and assisting those student to pursue a professional career in some aspect of the theatre arts. The scholarship fund was founded in 1985 by Grand Rapids community theatres.

Directions: Complete all sections on this .pdf form, and submit via email or postal mail along with supporting documents by **April 1** to scholarships@grfoundation.org.

Amount of Awards: Scholarships generally ranging from **\$1,000 to \$2,000** are awarded annually to individuals who by their own contribution to theatre have demonstrated ability, talent, and dedication to the theatre arts.

Application Requirements: Applicants must:

- 1) Be enrolled full time, or applying for full time enrollment, in an accredited college/ university course of study in some aspect of the theatre arts located within the United States. No award will be paid prior to full time enrollment.
- 2) Have theatre arts training and experience, including experience in one or more community theaters located in and serving the Greater Grand Rapids, Michigan Metropolitan Area.
- 3) Submit an Application on the form provided that includes:
 - a resumé of all theatre arts related experience and training, including but not limited to all community theatre experience;
 - an essay discussing the Applicant's interest in the theatre arts; how that interest has grown and developed; and the Applicant's goals and aspirations for future theatre arts involvement;
 - three letters of recommendation from people with first hand knowledge of the Applicant's involvement in some aspect of theatre arts;
- 4) If requested, submit to an in-person or virtual interview by the Scholarship Fund.

Award Payment: Awards will be paid directly to the recipient's school upon verification of enrollment. This is an annual competitive award. Previous applicants and recipients may reapply in subsequent years.

Step 1: Complete the following and sign

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Cell _____ Date of Birth _____

Upcoming year in college _____ E-mail _____

College you Attend/Plan to Attend _____ Course of Study _____

Do either of your parents hold a 4-year college degree: Yes _____ No _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date _____

You may sign electronically by typing your name.

In submitting this application electronically, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application for promotional purposes for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation without further compensation or notification.

Provide the following **attachments**

Attachment 1

Attach your **Resumé** that includes:

- A. Education History: School Names, Dates of Attendance, Course of Study and Completion Date
- B. Theatre Training and Experience
- C. Employment History
- D. Performance/Production Credits: Dates, Company, Role
- E. Awards/Honors Received (both theatre/non-theatre)

Attachment 2

Essay: Please submit a well-organized and carefully written essay, 3 double spaced pages, addressing the following: how you became interested in theatre; why you chose your college, major, and area of theatre to specialize in; why you want to pursue a career in theatre; and an explanation of your short and long-term career goals and how you will achieve them.

Attachment 3

Three Reference Forms: Attach **three reference forms using the form provided**, from people with first hand knowledge of your involvement in some aspect of theatre arts. At least one should be from an instructor/director of a performing theatre group.

Email or mail your completed application with attachments to scholarships@grfoundation.org by **April 1**
If you mail by postal mail: Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 185 Oakes SW, Grand Rapids MI 49503

Questions: Contact Ruth Bishop at 616 284-4903 or rbishop@grfoundation.org



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REFERENCE FORM

Student:

- complete the Student Information section
- make three copies and provide to three individuals with first hand knowledge of your involvement in some aspect of theatre arts. At least one should be from an instructor/director of a performing theatre group.
- request that they return the forms to you to attached with your completed application.

Student Information	
Student Name:	
Student Email:	

Recommender's Information	
Last Name:	First Name:
Organization:	Title/Position:
City State:	Email:
Date:	

Please respond to the questions listed below:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Why do you feel this applicant should be considered for the Combined Theatre Scholarship?
3. Please provide examples of the applicant's theatre involvement, leadership , work ethic, and potential to achieve their goals related to a career in some aspect of theatre arts.
4. Provide any additional information about the student you would like to share.

Return this form along with your answers to all questions to the student listed above by March 15, 2024