

GRAND RAPIDS COMBINED THEATRE SCHOLARSHIPS



APPLICATION

The Grand Rapids Combined Theatre Scholarship Fund was founded in 1985 to award college scholarships to students pursuing study in theatre arts. It is supported by ongoing contributions from individuals in the community, and by annual support from Actor's Theatre, Community Circle Theatre, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Heritage Theatre, Jewish Theatre, and Master Arts Theatre.

Directions: Complete all sections on this .pdf form, and submit via email along with supporting documents by **March 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 Criteria: Applicants **must be enrolled full time in an accredited college or training program located within the United States with preference being given to theatre arts majors. Applicants must have experience in any Grand Rapids area community theatre venue.** Finalists may be contacted for an interview as part of the selection process. The decision made by the panel of judges shall be final and will be based on the information contained in the application, any attached documentation and/or the interview.

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 each year. No person is eligible to receive a Combined Theatre Scholarship more than twice.

Step 1: Complete the following and sign

Name _____

Local Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Cell _____ Date of Birth _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Last 4 SSN _____

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.

Step 2

Provide the following **three attachments**

Attachment 1

Attach your **Resume** 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, 2-5 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

Letters of Reference: Attach **three current letters of reference**, one of which must be from an instructor/director of a performing theatre group.

Step 3

Email your completed application with attachments to scholarships@grfoundation.org by **March 1**

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

