

Theatre Scholarship Application 2026-27 (Current/Transfer Theatre Students)

The Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts awards several merit-based scholarships to deserving students each year. Current or incoming Theatre Majors are encouraged to apply for a range of general and specialized scholarships through this scholarship application. Declared Theatre, Musical Theatre, and Entertainment Design and Technology Minors are also eligible for select scholarship awards as noted in the descriptions below. Students studying in other disciplines within the department should consult theatreandfilm.osu.edu, sfa.osu.edu, and/or their advisor for more information about scholarship opportunities for which they may be eligible.

The scholarship committee takes many things into account when considering applications, including the student's stated goals, overall achievements and involvement, grade point average, leadership and professionalism, progress towards degree, and financial need. Most scholarships awarded to current students are one-year awards, with an average award amount of \$1500.

To apply for a Theatre scholarship, complete this form and return it, along with all additional required materials to the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts by **March 27, 2026**. Students who apply by this deadline will be considered for scholarships to be awarded in the following Autumn and Spring semesters. Materials may be emailed to theatreandfilm@osu.edu. Any questions may be directed to the Business Operations Manager by contacting the main office at theatreandfilm@osu.edu or 614-688-0228.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- **Roy H. and Addeleen Bowen Scholarship Fund:** Income Provides Scholarships for Undergraduates with Exceptional Talent and Ability in Theatre.
- **The Kirby Kennedy Wyatt II Scholarship Fund in Theater Technology and Design:** Provides one or more scholarships in varying amounts to students in the College of the Arts who have demonstrated exceptional talent and ability in theatre and who are pursuing a major in Theatre Technology in the area of set, costume, lighting or sound design.
- **Robert Eugene Johnson Memorial Scholarship:** Income provides scholarships for juniors/seniors majoring in theatre with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **Gerald R. Black Memorial Scholarship Fund:** The annual income is to be used to award a scholarship to a student in the Department of Theatre, preferably a playwright, in the discretion of the Chairman of the Department of Theatre in the College of The Arts.
- **The Mo Ryan Undergraduate Theatre Scholarship:** Awarded to an undergraduate theatre major or minor who has demonstrated excellence in acting, directing, or community engagement. *(May be awarded to declared theatre minors.)*
- **The Michael Swink Memorial Scholarships in Theatre:** Income provides scholarships for students who have exceptional talent and ability in theatre in the areas of stage lighting, sound and/or stage design. Not more than half of the income may be awarded to incoming students. *(May be awarded to declared theatre minors.)*
- **William Barclay Theatre Design Student Support Fund:** Support undergraduate and graduate students majoring in theatre with an emphasis in design.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____ OSU Student ID #: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Transfer / Campus Change Students:

If you are currently a student at an Ohio State regional campus or another university/college, please briefly describe your plans to continue your studies in the Ohio State Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts, Columbus Campus.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

RESUME

REFERENCE

References will be asked to complete a short survey, which will be sent to them directly via email. We encourage students to identify a reference with whom the student has worked either in a class or production. A member of the [department faculty or staff](#) is recommended for current students. A theatre teacher or director is recommended for transfer students.

Name of reference: _____

Email address: _____

SUBMISSION

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 27, 2026

Email (preferred): theatreandfilm@osu.edu

or mail completed form and resume to:

Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts - SCHOLARSHIPS
472 Theatre, Film, and Media Arts Building
~~1932 College Rd N~~, Columbus, Ohio 43210

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STATEMENT

Please include a short statement describing your work and achievements in theatre which lend support to your scholarship application. The statement should address your goals in the theatre program, your progress and achievements (both academic and artistic), your leadership, professionalism and engagement as well as your financial need. Please include any additional information that will help the committee obtain a complete picture of you.

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STATEMENT (CONT.)

Some scholarship funds must be awarded to students with specific focus areas or achievements. In order to be considered for these scholarships, please describe your contributions and/or experience in the following areas:

Playwriting

Design, Production and/or Technology

Acting and/or Directing

Community Engagement