



## **THESPIAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

Michigan Thespians will be offering scholarships for graduating seniors who plan to major or minor in Theatre or Communication Arts. Students who are not active members of the International Thespian Society are not eligible for scholarship consideration. **There is a \$10 fee per student to enter the Thespian Scholarship Competition.**

Each director can nominate a maximum of two seniors in this scholarship competition. However, each school can nominate only one student per category. For example, the School "B" director decides to have Bill Shakespeare compete in PERFORMANCE and Susan Smith to compete in the TECH category. Bill and Susan could not both compete in Performance or both compete in Tech.

### ***SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION & DISTRIBUTION***

- A non-renewable scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to (10) Michigan Thespians as recommended by an independent judging panel.
- Following Festival, the Festival Director will forward a list of the winners to the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) home office. *Disbursement of all monetary awards and all future contact about the scholarship will be handled by the Educational Theatre Association.* Recipients will be expected to document proof of enrollment in a recognized school, college, or university's theatre or communication program.
- Failure to complete enrollment or withdrawal from school negates this scholarship and the grant will not be awarded.
- Recipients will have until **July 1, 2022** to claim their scholarship.

### ***ELIGIBILITY***

- Applicants must present proof of their membership in the International Thespian Society by providing their individual Thespian ID number on their application form in addition to their school's Troupe number.
- All applicants must be currently enrolled in a Michigan school and graduate at the end of that school year.
- Applicants must be registered to attend the Festival with a registered troupe.
- All applications must be completed, submitted and paid on Openwater.com no later than **Nov.13th**.
- All winners must use the grant for furthering their education with a major or minor in theatre and/or communication arts.

- Each director may nominate a maximum of (2) candidates (*one in PERFORMANCE and/or one in TECH*).

### **JUDGING**

- Neutral judges will be appointed by the Festival and/or Chapter Director.
- Judging will take place during the Michigan Thespian Festival.
- Students will not receive formal feedback (either verbal or written).
- Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Festival.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

*Registering for Thespian Scholarships is completely separate from the College Scholarship Competition. Students doing both will have to apply separately. Rules and directions for College Scholarships are different from Thespian Scholarships and can be found on the Michigan Thespians website.*

*Directors: To avoid multiple students applying on their own, students will not have direct access to the Thespian Rules below. Please print these rules and make them available to the 1 or 2 students you've chosen to enter the competition.*

### **THESPIAN SCHOLARSHIP PERFORMANCE CANDIDATES:**

**Students competing in Performance must prepare a solo presentation not to exceed (4) minutes. \*The performance may be either musical or non-musical theatre (ie. acting).**

#### **Performance Candidate's Checklist:**

*Before November 6th:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Thespian Registration form, which includes basic contact info and several interview questions in addition to a 1 page resume & headshot photo and a pre-recorded video of their performance (required). These will be submitted to the OpenWater platform (link coming soon).

### **THESPIAN SCHOLARSHIP TECHNICAL CANDIDATES:**

This category is for Stage Managers, designers, technicians, etc. Students in this category must create a video presentation of their portfolio of work. Stage Managers often present a prompt book. Designers/Technicians can use drawings, designs, or realized artifacts such as completed costumes if they want. **Students will have up to (5) minutes to present.**

The portfolio should illustrate your expertise in technical theatre/design or stage management.

#### **Technical Candidates Checklist:**

Before November 6th:

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Thespian Registration form, which includes basic contact info and several interview questions in addition to a 1 page resume & headshot photo and a pre-recorded video of their portfolio presentation (required). These will be submitted to the OpenWater platform (link coming soon).

**If you have any questions regarding Scholarship Auditions, please contact the Thespian Scholarship Coordinator**

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