Theatre Scholarship

Scholarship Awards:
Awards range from $500 to $1500. These awards are renewable for the three remaining years of your Muskingum education, and are separate and distinct from federal work-study programs. In addition to awarding scholarships, the Theatre department also employs a dozen or more work-study students every semester. If you are eligible for federal work-study aid, you can apply to work in the department for a paycheck and still receive a Theatre Scholarship award.

Scholarship Requirements:
You do not need to be a Theatre major to receive a Theatre Scholarship, but may choose to major, minor or simply be a participant. In your first year at Muskingum, you'll take Basic Acting (THEA 175), and Technical Production (THEA 245), a course sequence designed to acquaint you with both the performance and the technical sides of production. Then, at least once a year, you'll take a theatre course of your choice (such as set design, lighting, advanced acting, makeup, directing) which will further your abilities, talents, and interests in production.

Your main duty as a scholarship student is to be involved in at least one on-campus production per semester. You choose – acting, designing, running crew, stage management, costume construction, makeup, lights, public relations – whatever you want to learn more about. If you've retained your scholarship all four years at Muskingum, by the time you graduate you'll accumulate enough credits for at least a minor in Theatre.

Areas of Study:
Many of our Theatre Scholarship students combine their love of theatre with other areas of interest, and most will graduate with a major and minor, or with double majors.

- **Business Majors** can prepare for careers in arts management or marketing and promotion.
- **Music Majors** can use their musical talents to help with our musical theatre productions.
- **English Education Majors** with theatre minors may qualify to direct the school play or teach drama courses in high schools.
- **Art Majors** might be inclined toward set design, costume design, or publicity.

How to apply:
1. Be admitted to Muskingum University as a full-time student.
2. Complete the Theatre Scholarship application form (attached).
3. Write an essay indicating major field of interest, and your need and desire to receive a Muskingum University Theatre Scholarship.
4. Provide a list of your theatrical experience. Please list both acting and technical experience. Include name of production, role(s), production date(s), and director's name.
5. Interview or Audition. Depending on your area of interest (acting or technical theatre), you should arrange for either an audition or theatre interview. Either arrange for an in-person, on-campus audition, or submit a video-taped audition, featuring your interpretation of a humorous or dramatic selection, a monologue, or a cutting from a play. (Make sure you are clearly identified on the tape.) Technical theatre applicants need to arrange for an interview instead of submitting a taped audition.
6. **Submit the application form and all your materials by March 1.**
To maintain eligibility, a Theatre Scholarship recipient must:

1. Maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) in Theatre courses, and a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
2. Enroll in at least one Theatre course each academic year at Muskingum.
3. Be involved in at least one on-campus production per semester.
4. Attend meetings publicized by the Department of Communication, Media, & Theatre that pertain to majors and scholars. Maintain set established policies of departmental scholarship activity.
5. Participate in the bi-yearly scholarship review process according to departmental policy.

If you’re attending a Scholarship Day on campus, you can bring this form with you, along with your audition tape, and turn in everything in person. If you’d like to audition in person, just notify us at the scholarship group meeting (1:30 p.m.—Thompson Theater), and we’ll conduct it before you leave for the day. Contact Admission Office for more information, at 1-800-752-6082.

Applicants who qualify for need-based financial aid may be eligible for assistance beyond the level of the Journalism Scholarship and other non need-based awards. Students planning to apply for need-based assistance should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between January 1 and March 15 of their senior year.

If you want to know more about the Muskingum University Theatre program in general or about the scholarship process specifically, we’d love to answer your questions. To arrange a faculty interview, tour the facilities, or meet current students, feel free to either contact us directly, or to arrange a visit through the Admission Office.

Departmental Scholarship Contact:
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Theatre Department Faculty Contacts:

Professor Ronald Lauck
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Mr. Lauck teaches costume design, set design, lighting design, tech production, and computer aided design courses.

Dr. Diane Rao
(740) 826-8373       drao@muskingum.edu       Office: Caldwell Hall 151
Dr. Rao teaches acting, directing, history, literature, gender issues, and supervises the publicity and box office workers.

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Theatre Scholarship Application

Mr./Ms./Miss

Last __________________________________________ First ___________ Middle Initial ___________

Address

Street, P.O. Box ____________________________________ City __________________ State ______ Zip ______

Telephone ___________________________ Email __________________________________________

Have you visited campus? ______ Intended Major(s)________________________________________

Have you completed an application for admission to Muskingum? __________

High School __________________________________________________

High School Address ________________________________________________

GPA ______ Rank______/______ ACT (Composite)______ SAT(M+V)__________

Please list two references for the selection committee to contact in support of your candidacy:

Name/Title __________________________________________ Address __________________________ Phone Number __________

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Please return this form and supporting materials by March 1 to:

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(Submitted Scholarship Materials will not be returned.)

*For office use only: CMT Number____ Application_____ Essay _____ Audition _____ Admission _____