Theatre Scholarships

Scholarship Awards:

Awards range from $500 to $1500. In a typical year, an average of ten incoming students are awarded $1000 scholarships. These awards are renewable for the three remaining years of your Muskingum education. These scholarship awards 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. You can 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 (like set design, lighting, advanced acting, makeup, directing) which will further your abilities, talents, and interests in production.

Your real duty as a scholarship holder 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, publicity – 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.

Many of our Theatre Scholarship holders combine their love of theatre with other majors. Most of our majors are double majors. Many students realize how natural it is to synthesize the many parts of

- Business majors can prepare for careers in arts management, box office, 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. These versatile students are often more appealing when they apply for highly competitive jobs in education.
- Art Majors might be inclined toward set design, publicity, designing costumes

If you want to know more about the Muskingum College Theatre department in general or about the scholarship process specifically, we'd love to answer any of your questions. To arrange a faculty interview, tour the facilities, or meet other students, just call us.
Our theatre faculty:

- **Dr. Jerry Martin**  
  (740) 826-8371  jmartin@muskingum.edu  Office: Cambridge Hall 16  
  Dr. Martin teaches courses in playwriting, theatre management, children's theatre, and musical theatre. He is also in charge of the Muskingum College Forensics Team.

- **Mr. Ronald Lauck**  
  (740) 826-8372  rlauck@muskingum.edu  Office: Johnson Hall 03  
  Mr. Lauck supervises all technical workers and teaches costume design, set design, lighting design, tech production, and computer aided design courses.

- **Dr. Diane Rao**  
  (740) 826-8373  drao@muskingum.edu  Office: Johnson Hall 102  
  Dr. Rao teaches acting, directing, history, literature, gender issues, and supervises the publicity and box office workers.

How to apply:

1. **Be admitted to Muskingum College.**
2. **Complete the Theatre Scholarship application form** (attached).
3. **Write an essay** indicating major field of interest, and the need and desire to receive a Muskingum College Theatre Scholarship.
4. **Provide a list of your theatrical experience.** Please list both acting and technical experience. Include name of production, role, 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 (usually while you're touring our theaters, meeting our theatre faculty, and getting shown around by current theatre scholarship students), 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 15 to:

   **Scholarship Coordinator**  
   **Speech Communication and Theatre Department**  
   **Muskingum College**  
   **163 Stormont Street**  
   **New Concord, OH 43762**

If you’re coming to Scholarship Day in February, you can bring this form with you, along with your videotape, and turn in everything in person. If you’d like to audition in person, just notify us at your 2:30 meeting, and we’ll watch it before you leave for the day.
Theatre Scholarship Application Form

Mr./Ms./Miss

__________________________________________  __________________________________________
Last       First       Middle Initial

Address ___________________________________________________________________________
Street, P.O. Box                City      State       Zip

Telephone (           ) ________________________________      Have you visited campus? __________

Have you completed an application for admission to Muskingum? ________________

High School  ____________________________________________________________________
High School Address

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Grade Point Average _________________    Class Rank  ___________/___________

ACT Composite ____________________    Combined SAT ___________________

Please indicate your major area of interest: __________________________________________

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

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Name             Address                      Phone Number

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For office use only:   Application ______ Essay ______ Audition ______ Admission ______