



## Important Scholarship Information for Sponsors

Welcome to the Sponsor's Information Page for the Missouri State Thespians Scholarships.  
We will award 11 different scholarships including:

- 4 Performance scholarships for those planning to major in theatre or related fields
- 3 Technical Theatre scholarships for those planning to major in technical theatre or related fields
- 3 Teacher Education scholarships for those planning to major in theatre education
- 1 Theatre for Life Scholarship in recognition of service to school and community in theatre regardless of the student's intended major.

We will have approximately 25 colleges and universities from different states that will have representatives in attendance while you are auditioning. Of course, we use the process to decide who should be awarded our State Scholarships. However, you and the college representatives also use the process to connect and get to know each other. As a result, although not everyone can win our scholarships, EVERYONE who auditions is assured a chance to show off their abilities for different institutions that are eager to attract talented young artists to their campuses. Many students have obtained scholarships and financial aid offers from colleges, even though they did not win one of the MST scholarships. The scholarship process will go live on September 21st.

In order to make the process as smooth and efficient as possible, please do the following:

Applications must be submitted by **November 19th**

1. Clearly communicate with your students and guide them through the process—information for specific scholarships can be found on the MST website.
2. Limit your school's slate of scholarship candidates to no more than:
  - 4 total in the combined categories of Performance and Technical.
  - 1 Theatre Education (may bring 2 if you utilize 3 or less slots in Performance and/or Technical category)
  - 1 Theatre for Life (may bring 2 if you utilize 3 or less slots in Performance and/or Technical category)For a total of no more than 6 candidates
3. A student may not apply in more than one category. Please choose their strongest area.
4. A student must be a member of ITS before the application is submitted and must be a delegate to the conference in order to audition for a scholarship. Please be sure to verify this information.
5. A student must have a GPA of at least 2.5 in order to apply. This may include weighted grades.
6. If a student has not yet taken or received results from SAT or ACT scores please put TBA in that section.
7. **Be sure to register your scholarship applicants on the general troupe registration form.**
  - a. You will be prompted to fill in the NAME and ITS NUMBER for each applicant.

- b. You will not be able to complete your registration for conference until this information is present.
  - i. If you list TBA or false information about a scholarship applicant they will not be eligible for any of the scholarship opportunities available at conference.
  - ii. **ONLY Students indicated on the Conference Registration will be eligible for the scholarship process. In order to ensure LIVE auditions/interviews, we must put a specific cap on the number of entries per school, per category.**
8. Have your students submit an application on the Academic Works website. Links to each application type is available on the website. This is a TWO STEP process, please make sure your students follow BOTH steps  
**STEP ONE**
  - go to the Missouri State Thespians Website and click on the Academic Works link
  - Fill out the EdTA portion of the Scholarship Application
    - You will be asked to submit your headshot & resume.
      - This information is collected for the use of the Education Theatre Association & International Thespian Society.
  - **Submit your application**  
**STEP TWO**
  - AcademicWorks will send you an email that will provide a link to the MST Performance Scholarship Auditions
  - Click on this link
  - Fill out the MST portion of the Scholarship Application
    - You will be asked to submit your headshot & resume (again)
      - This information is collected for the use of MST and will be distributed to the College Reps attending this year's conference.
  - **Submit your application**
9. Students and their sponsors will be notified via email of their audition/interview time and location by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
10. Following their auditions, students will possibly be notified about a callback breakfast that will be held on Saturday morning from 8:30am-10:00am with interested Colleges.
11. **ALL** communication about Scholarships and the Scholarship Process needs to go through the [MoThespiansInfo@gmail.com](mailto:MoThespiansInfo@gmail.com) email address.

We appreciate your patience with this process as we are always changing to fit the needs of our students.

### Junior College Auditions

In addition to Senior Scholarships, we have a Junior College Audition process. Interested students can submit an online audition and the top five will be chosen to audition for the College Representatives prior to the Senior Scholarship Auditions on Friday morning.

- Each Performance applicant **MUST** complete an **Audition Application through Academic Works and complete the above mentioned two step process.**
- Each Performance applicant **MUST** submit a Resume
  - Resume PDF can be found on the MST Website ([www.mo-thespians.com](http://www.mo-thespians.com)) under Scholarships
  - Complete the resume and upload it to Academic Works
    - The title of the uploaded Resume should be LastNameRESUME (i.e. MartinResume)

- You as the teacher must respond to the sponsor approval email by **November 19th**
- Each Performance applicant **MUST** submit a video audition
  - Video Frame for needs to be from the waist to a little above the head.
  - **Audition Video must include the following slate:**
    - **Name of person Auditioning**
    - **School Name**
    - **Troupe Number**
    - **Name of Each Piece and Author**
- **Audition may not exceed 2.5 minutes including the slate**
- **Audition MUST include:**
  - **2 Contrasting Monologues OR 1 Monologue and a Cutting of a Song**
- **Audition video must be uploaded to YouTube and then the video link needs to be uploaded to Academic Works.**

**We will view all submissions and pick the top five to audition in front of the college representatives. If your student is chosen to audition for the colleges, we will email you and your student by December 15, 2015.**