

# THEATRE FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

The Theatre for Life Scholarships are an opportunity for seniors who wish to continue supporting but not wish to pursue a career in the field to submit a portfolio and possibly interview live and present created materials in front of a panel of retired and current teachers, student officers, EdTA representatives at the MST Conference in January.

One applicants will receive a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 to be applied to tuition and fees associated with full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university. Up to five candidates will be awarded a \$100 prize for being chosen as a finalist. The Scholarship Process will go live on September 21st.

**You must submit and complete the entire application and upload the required materials no later than 11:59pm on November 19th. No late applications will be accepted.**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

This application is a **THREE** STEP PROCESS.

### STEP ONE

- Your Troupe Director MUST register & pay for you to apply for the MST scholarship application process when your troupe is registered for the conference.

### STEP TWO

- 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 THREE

- AcademicWorks will send you an email that will provide a link to the MST Theatre Education 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)
  - You will be asked to submit your theatre portfolio artifacts
    - 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**

**IMPORTANT--Once ALL THREE of these steps are complete, you will be eligible to be adjudicated for the Theatre for Life Scholarship**

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each Theatre Education applicant **MUST** complete the following in **Academic Works**:

- an Audition Application
- upload a resume—in .pdf format
- upload a headshot—in .jpg format
- upload theatre artifacts—in .zip file format

## SPECIFICS FOR UPLOADING CONTENT

- **Resume**--each applicant **MUST** use the MST Resume Template (found on the Scholarship Applicant page of the MST website).
  - Complete resume
  - Save as a .pdf
  - Upload to the Academic Works application where indicated
- **Headshot**--each applicant **MUST** upload a headshot. While this does not have to be a professionally taken photograph, it is always best to represent yourself well. Consider your background and lighting when choosing your headshots.
- **Theatre Artifacts** --each applicant must submit a theatre portfolio showing the depth and breadth of your high school theatre career.
  - Possible theatre artifacts and explanations to include, but not limited to:
    - Your impact on your troupe
    - Possible community service
    - How theatre has impacted your life

Based on your portfolio submissions, up to five finalists will be chosen by a panel of adjudicators to be interviewed at conference. These finalists will be notified by December 15, 2017.

## FINALIST INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

- **Interview Information**--applicant will be interviewed by three to four adjudicators
  - During this interview, you will be asked questions related to your portfolio artifacts, impact of theatre on your life, and how you have influenced others
    - If you are chosen as a finalists, you will have the chance to display additional items at conference. These materials should display the depth and breadth of the student's theatre experience.

Sample Adjudication Ballots for the Theatre for Life Scholarship can be found on the MST website.