

Scholarship Explanation and Audition Information

**Deadline to Submit application to Open Water is January 7, 2022
Including audition video and all supporting documents from Counselor and Troupe Director**

Troupes may submit eight students in total

5 College Scholarship Applicants- Juniors and Seniors May Apply \$10 Fee

1 Theatre For Life Scholarship Applicant- Must be Honor Thespian Nominee \$10 Fee

2 Arkansas EdTA Scholarship Applicants- Seniors Only \$10 Fee

ALL APPLICATIONS, AUDITION VIDEOS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON
OPEN WATER.

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Arkansas EdTA Scholarships: TWO STUDENTS PER TROUPE – Seniors only

- Students must plan to major or minor in the communicative arts, theatre, speech, radio, television, film, broadcasting, music, dance or speech and theatre education.
- The audition will appear before the Thespian Judges as well as the Colleges and Universities that are present.
- Eligible students must have a 2.75 or higher grade point average, based on 4.0. They must also submit a **Arkansas EdTA Scholarship Application** on Open Water.
- Students may audition in either performance, technical theatre, theatre education or film. Along with your audition, you will also be interviewed by the Thespian Judges.
- Audition Information by category:
 - o **Performance:** Students will be allowed a maximum of two minutes (not including the introduction). If a student exceeds the two-minute maximum they will be disqualified.
 - In the performance category you may perform one two-minute selection (song or monologue), two contrasting selections (two monologues, two songs or one song/one monologue). **Applicants must provide their own accompaniment whether that be a pianist or recorded music. No singing A Cappella.**
 - When choosing your performance piece, please avoid selections with dialects, accents, and any classical material unless you have been specifically trained in these areas.
 - o **Technical:** Students will be allowed a maximum of five minutes (not including the introduction). If a student exceeds the five-minute maximum they will be disqualified.
 - In the technical category each student must prepare a portfolio that illustrates his or her expertise in technical theatre.
 - o **Theatre Education:** Participants applying for a theatre educator's scholarship must also attach to the audition form an essay addressing two of the following three topics:
 - Describe your most inspirational teacher,
 - Describe why you want to be a theatre teacher.
 - Describe what you feel is the most important issue facing high school theatre today. For theatre educator auditionees, a performance piece is optional; judges will not penalize theatre educator auditionees if the student chooses not to perform.
 - Students will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for their audition time (not including the introduction).
 - Students will present a lesson plan of their own creation and will explain why they want to become a teacher.
- o **Film:** Those auditioning in film must bring a 30 sec.-1 min. film clip showcasing their work that will air along with an explanation of the method of filming and writing as well as their hopes for the future. (maximum five-minute time limit)

College Scholarships: FIVE STUDENTS PER TROUPE – Juniors and Seniors may apply

- Students must plan to major or minor in the communicative arts, theatre, speech, radio, television, film broadcasting, music, dance or speech and theatre education.
- Eligible students must have a 2.75 or higher grade point average, based on 4.0. They must also submit the **College Scholarship Application** on Open Water.
- Students may audition in either performance, technical theatre, or theatre education or film.
- You will be asked to begin your audition with only an introduction (name, school; name of selection(s)).
 - **Performance:** Students will be allowed a maximum of two minutes (not including the introduction). If a student exceeds the two-minute maximum they will be disqualified.
 - In the performance category you may perform one two-minute selection (song or monologue), two contrasting selections (two monologues, two songs or one song/one monologue). **Applicants must provide their own accompaniment whether that be a pianist or recorded music. No singing A Cappella.**
 - When choosing your performance piece, please avoid selections with dialects, accents, and any classical material unless you have been specifically trained in these areas.
 - **Technical:** Students will be allowed a maximum of five minutes (not including the introduction). If a student exceeds the five-minute maximum they will be disqualified.
 - In the technical category each student must prepare a portfolio that illustrates his or her expertise in technical theatre.
 - **Education:** Participants applying for a theatre educator's scholarship must also attach to the audition form an essay addressing two of the following three topics:
 - Describe your most inspirational teacher,
 - Describe why you want to be a theatre teacher.
 - Describe what you feel is the most important issue facing high school theatre today. For theatre educator auditionees, a performance piece is optional; judges will not penalize theatre educator auditionees if the student chooses not to perform.
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Theatre For Life Scholarship: ONE STUDENT PER TROUPE – Seniors only

- **Nominated by the troupe director for the Honor Thespian award.**
- The student must be an inducted thespian and a senior before the registration deadline.
- This student does not have to major or minor in theatre or related field.
- Eligible students must have a 2.75 or higher grade point average, based on 4.0. They must also submit **Theatre For Life Scholarship Application** on Open Water.
- These awards are separate entities from the Arkansas Edta scholarships and the college/university scholarships.
- **Criteria:** Each troupe may nominate an outstanding senior from their troupe that best promotes the ideals of being a high school thespian. It will recognize a student that has given more than 100% for his troupe through performance, technical work, scholarship, general leadership and troupe involvement.
- **Requirements:** Application for this scholarship requires submitting the proper form, including a 250 word essay, accompanied by the troupe sponsor's recommendation and a scheduled interview with the Thespian Judges.