



Theatre Scholarship

Awards range from **\$500** to **\$2,500**. 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 8-10 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 Acting I (THEA 275), 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 **all mainstage productions in some capacity**. You choose—acting, designing, running crew, stage management, costume construction, makeup, lights, public relations—whatever you want to learn more about, **or wherever you are most needed**. 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-recorded audition, featuring your interpretation of a humorous or dramatic selection, a monologue, or a cutting from a play. You should submit a link to your YouTube recording with your application. Technical theatre applicants need to arrange for an interview instead of submitting a taped audition.
6. Submit application form and all your materials by **February 12**. Email directions available on p. 3.

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.
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3. Be involved in one or more on-campus productions per semester during sophomore, junior, and senior years.
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 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.

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Professor Cassie King
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Prof. King teaches costume design, set design, lighting design, tech production, and computer aided design courses.



Theatre Scholarship Application 18-19

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 Name _____

High School Address _____

GPA _____ **Rank** _____ / _____ **ACT (Composite)** _____ **SAT(M+V)** _____

List two professional references for the selection committee to contact in support of your candidacy:

Name Title/Relationship to You

Address Phone Number

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Please email this completed form and portfolio materials by February 12 to:

Dr. Lisa Marshall, Scholarship Coordinator

Email address: COMM@muskingum.edu | **Send one email with your application and the following:**

Include attachments or internet links to scholarship portfolio materials in your email.

If choosing to send large files, we recommend doing so through [Dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com).

Paste Dropbox links directly into your application email with this form.

Please do not email individual files through Dropbox.

Keep any internet linked sites active until May 1 for Muskingum to access.

You will receive an email confirmation of material submission. Thank you for your application.

*For office use only: CMT Number _____ Application _____ Essay _____ Audition _____ Admission _____