

UCA THEATRE PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

I. UCA theatre Performance Scholarships are awarded on a semester basis to students who have demonstrated talent, skill, and commitment to the UCA Theatre program or potential for such traits; and have financial need. The scholarship does not automatically renew, however, students may reapply every semester.

II. Qualifications for Performance Scholarship

A. Admission to the University of Central Arkansas must be completed.

B. Entering Freshmen - Preference for scholarships will be given to those who have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5, declare a Theatre major, and demonstrate talent or skills in theatre that would be the basis for potential contributions to UCA Theatre. Entering freshmen will also need to do one of the following: perform an acting audition, present design/technology materials or present stage management materials to the Scholarship Committee members.

C. Transfer Students - Preference for scholarships will be given to those have an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 (a copy of your previous college or university transcript will need to be submitted), declare a Theatre major, and demonstrate talent or skills in Theatre that would be the basis for potential contributions to UCA Theatre. Transfer students will also need to do one of the following: perform an acting audition, present design/technology materials or present stage management materials to the Scholarship Committee members.

D. Continuing Students

1. Continuing students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 and a minimum cumulative GPA in Theatre courses of 3.0.
2. Students must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester hours during the semester in which the scholarship is retained.
3. Preference for scholarships will be given to Theatre majors. The Scholarship Committee's determinations will be based upon the candidate's talent/skills, academic achievements, history of contribution and potential for continued contribution in the program. Financial need will also be considered.

E. Theatre minors may apply for the performance scholarship. Minor applicants will be considered if the minor applicant's talent/skill, academic achievements, history of contribution and potential for continued contribution in the department are superior to any or all of the other major applicant(s). Financial need will also be considered.

F. Only completed applications submitted by the deadline will be considered. Application includes:

Application Form

Current resume (a sample is included in this information)

Letter of application stating: (a sample is included in this information)

Intentions toward or within the program

Statement of financial need (which grants or scholarships you are receiving)

Letter of recommendation (entering freshmen and transfer students only)

Copy of previous college or university transcript (transfer students only)

III. Procedures for selection or recipients

- A. Upon admission to the University or as application for admission is in progress, the scholarship application package is to be submitted separately to UCA Theatre. Application packets are available in the Business Manager's office or online at uca.edu/theatre. Click on Scholarship Information.
- B. Letter(s) of recommendation from teachers and others who know of the applicant's background in the activity are to accompany the application or follow shortly thereafter.
- C. The Scholarship Committee will review the application and accompanying documents submitted by the student.
- D. The Scholarship committee will select the individuals who are to receive the scholarships.
- E. The recipients will be contacted by UCA Theatre with a request for notification of acceptance or refusal.
- F. When acceptance is received, the Financial Aid office of the University will be notified to process the financial arrangement between the student and the University business office.
- G. Students will be issued a scholarship agreement that will detail the responsibilities of the recipient.
- H. All scholarship offers are subject to the approval of the Scholarship Compliance Office.
- I. Theatre performance scholars are expected to contribute to the Theatre program in one or more of the following ways:
 - 1) Audition for each play and accept a role, if cast.
 - 2) Design scenery, properties, lighting, sound, or costumes for an approved production.
 - 3) Stage manage or assistant stage manage an approved production.
 - 4) Serve as head of a run crew for an approved production. (i.e. head of wardrobe, head of scene shift run crew, etc.)

Students who are not cast or who do not serve as a designer or stage manager will be assigned a crew position. Please note that these crew assignments are above and beyond any paid staff duties.

Return scholarship application to:

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