

## UCA THEATRE PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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. Students may apply every semester.

### II. Qualifications for Performance Scholarship

A. Admission to UCA and FAFSA forms must be completed.

B. Entering Students (Freshmen or Transfer Students):

1. Entering students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. The most recent version of the transcript (high school, college, or university) will need to be submitted to verify the GPA.

2. Entering students must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester hours during the semester in which the scholarship is retained.

3. Entering students must declare a Theatre major.

4. Entering students must coordinate with the Theatre Business Manager to demonstrate talent or skills in theatre that would be the basis for potential contributions to UCA Theatre. The meeting can include any of the following:

- Perform an acting audition
- Present design/technology materials
- Present stage management materials

C. Continuing Students (Theatre Majors or Minors):

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. Current students must declare a Theatre majors or minors. Preference may be given to Theatre majors.

4. 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.

5. Financial need may be considered.

### III. Application Requirements:

A. Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.

B. Admission to the University of Central Arkansas must be complete

C. UCA Theatre Performance Scholarship Application Form

D. Current resume

E. Letter of application stating intentions toward or within the program

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

G. Letter of recommendation (entering students only)

H. Audition and/or material presentations (entering students only)

I. Copy of previous high school, college, or university transcript (entering students only)

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- IV. Procedures for selection or recipients
- A. Admission application to UCA and FAFSA forms must be complete. (Acceptance may be pending.)
  - B. Complete application packets must be submitted to UCA Theatre by the deadline will be considered. Application packets should include: UCA Theatre Performance Scholarship Application Form, current resume, letter of application stating intentions toward or within the program, letter of recommendation (entering students only), statement of financial need (which grants or scholarships you are receiving), audition and/or presentation (entering students only), and a copy of previous high school, college, or university transcript (entering students only). Applications are available in the Business Manager's office or online at [uca.edu/theatre/scholarships](http://uca.edu/theatre/scholarships).
  - C. Letter(s) of recommendation from teachers and/or others who know of the applicant's background in the activity must be postmarked and/or received by the due date.
  - D. The Scholarship Committee will review the application and accompanying documents submitted by the student and will select the individuals who are to receive the scholarships.
  - E. UCA Theatre will contact the recipients with a request for notification of acceptance or refusal and a scholarship agreement that will detail the responsibilities of the recipient.
  - F. If the application is approved, UCA Theatre performance scholars are expected to contribute to the Theatre program in one or more of the following ways:
    - 1. Audition for at least one faculty or guest directed production each semester, 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.)
    - 5. Students who are not cast or who do not serve as a designer or stage manager will be assigned a crew position.
    - 6. Usher two shows each production if not part of the cast or crew.Please note that these are not paid positions.
  - G. When acceptance is received, the UCA Financial Aid office will be notified to process the financial arrangement.
  - H. All scholarship offers are subject to the approval of the Scholarship Compliance Office, verification of citizenship as a US citizen or eligible non-citizen, and FAFSA completion.

Return scholarship application to:  
UCA Theatre, Snow Fine Arts 233, Box 4942, Conway, AR 72035

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