

UCA THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- I. UCA Theatre Scholarships are awarded on a semester basis to Continuing Students who have demonstrated talent, skill, and commitment to the UCA Theatre Program and to Entering Students who have demonstrated potential for such traits.
- II. Qualifications for Scholarship
 - A. Students must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester hours during the semester in which the scholarship funds are retained.
 - 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 the University of Central Arkansas Registrar's Office to verify the GPA.
 2. Entering students must declare a Theatre major.
 3. 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 cumulative GPA of 2.5 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in Theatre courses.
 2. Current students must declare a Theatre major or minor. Preference may be given to Theatre majors.
 3. 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 UCA Theatre Program.
- III. Application Requirements:
 - A. Online applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.
 - B. Letter(s) of recommendation (entering students only)
 - C. Audition and/or material presentations (entering students only)
- IV. Procedures for selection or recipients
 - A. 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. The Scholarship Committee's determinations will be based upon completed applications, the candidate's talent/skills, academic achievements, history of contribution, and potential for continued contribution in the UCA Theatre Program.
 - B. UCA Theatre will contact the applicants with award/rejection letters. Award letters will include a notification of acceptance/refusal and a scholarship agreement that will detail the responsibilities of the recipient.
 - C. If the application is approved, UCA Theatre scholars are expected to contribute, in the semester they receive the scholarship, to the Theatre program by working on a faculty- or guest-directed production in one or more of the following ways:
 1. Act (Scholarship students who are offered a role must accept the role in order to retain

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the scholarship.)

2. Design scenery, properties, lighting, sound, or costumes*
3. Stage manage* or assistant stage manage
4. Serve on a run crew and serve as head, if asked (i.e. head of wardrobe, head of scene shift run crew, etc.)**
5. Work 60 hours in a technology shop (costumes, scenic, lights, props).
6. Work 60 hours as an Administrative Assistant for UCA Theatre or the Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre.

* Most designer and stage management positions are assigned at the end of the Spring semesters prior to auditions.

** Most crew positions are filled in the Fall semester prior to auditions.

These are not paid positions. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the scholarship funds being revoked.

- D. When acceptance is received, the UCA Financial Aid office will be notified to process the financial arrangement.
- E. All scholarship offers are subject to the approval of the Scholarship Compliance Office.

V. This is a competitive scholarship based upon the student's overall contribution for Continuing Students or potential of contribution for Entering Students to the Theatre Program. The scholarship does not automatically renew. Students may apply every semester. Meeting the **minimum** performance requirement upon receipt of the scholarship does not guarantee renewal in subsequent semesters.