



MTA Scholarship

MTA awards one \$2000 scholarship to a deserving high-school senior who intends to pursue a degree in theatre (performance, technical, or design) at a Mississippi college or university. The award is presented during the Annual MTA Festival. **Deadline: January 5.**

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The scholarship will be paid in \$250 increments each semester for up to four years.

Scholarship recipients are required to take courses in a theatre-related program at a Mississippi college or university, take a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours per semester, maintain a minimum 2.5-grade point average (GPA). This does not include extracurricular workshops or summer theatre camps. Scholarship recipients are required to participate in the MTA Dream Team during their first year of college. Should the scholarship recipient at any time fail to meet these requirements, he/she will forfeit the balance of the scholarship.

Qualifications for MTA Scholarship

- High school senior with a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Plan to pursue theatre-related major at a Mississippi college or university

Application requirements

- A resume that includes:
 - List of productions on which the applicant has worked and the capacity in which the applicant served

- List of awards (both theatre and non-theatre related)
- Extracurricular activities
- Community service
- Involvement in MTA
- GPA
- A 250 – 500 word essay explaining why the applicant is pursuing theatre in college
- Three (3) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a theatre teacher or theatre-related advisor. (In cases where an applicant attends a high school that does not have a theatre teacher or theatre-related advisor, one of the letters must come from a representative of a theatre group with whom the applicant has had experience.) Mail letters to Stacy Howell, P.O. Box 320901, Flowood, MS 39232 or e-mail them to execdir@mta-online.org.

Audition requirements

Scholarship applicants for acting and technical-related theatre majors must register for and participate in the college and university auditions at MTA State Festival in January. This event is typically held the Thursday evening prior to the start of the festival. Members of the scholarship committee will be there to observe. The top 5 applicants will go through an interview with the Scholarship Committee at MTA 2021.

Causes for scholarship forfeiture

- Transfer to an out-of-state school
- Change of major to a non-theatre-related field
- Failure to maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Failure to submit course load and grades to the Scholarship Committee
- Failure to be a part of the Dream Team their first year of college