



MTA Scholarship

MTA will award one \$500 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 will be made during the MTA Festival.

The one-time \$500 scholarship will be paid directly to the college / university upon receipt of the student's student identification number.

Scholarship recipients are required to take courses in a theatre-related program at a Mississippi college or university and scholarship recipients are required to participate in the MTA Dream Team during their first year of college.

In order to fully apply for the scholarship participants MUST audition for the scholarship during the MTA Statewide Theatre Festival held in January. The auditions will be in conjunction with the College/University Auditions held Thursday evening. Deadline: January 5.

[Register for Auditions HERE](#)

[Apply for Scholarships HERE](#)

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

[**MTA Secondary Scholarship Requirements**](#)

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@mississippitheatre.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 be a part of the Dream Team their first year of college