

Senior Thespian Scholarship - Festival 2024

The Senior Thespian application/interview process will be completed through an application and remote audition/portfolio process. Encourage your students to approach the application as though it was their audition/interview.

- Judges will review these submissions and select the top candidates to interview virtually prior to the festival weekend - **Interview Date is TBD**
- Top candidates will be notified of their interview slot via email prior to the interview date.

General Application Details:

- GPA
- SAT & ACT scores (can add N/A if not taken)
- Resume (**Required Upload**)
- Headshot (**Required Upload**)

All applicants must be able to respond to the following questions:

- ❖ What role(s) have you taken in your Thespian Troupe? What are your personal contributions to the success of your troupe?
- ❖ How has being a Thespian impacted your life and prepared you for the future?
- ❖ What skills and lessons from involvement in Theatre have you found to be the most valuable?

Based on their area of interest, students should be prepared to submit the information below:

Acting/Musical Theatre applicants:

Be prepared to submit your audition video -

- Your audition video should be of 2 contrasting monologues, lasting no more than 2 minutes (including slate and transition between pieces).
- Students who wish to audition in Musical Theatre are allowed to additionally include a vocal selection of no more than 30 seconds.
- If singing, you must use an instrumental track or live accompaniment. NO a capella submissions are permitted.

Technical: Costume, Lighting, Make-up, Scenic, Sound, Stage Management, & Theatre Marketing:

Be prepared to provide **three** examples of your strongest work (photographs, documents, etc).

- You will need to list each example with the relevant details: production title, the date of production, and your role in the production (lighting designer, construction crew, stage manager, etc.) and the sample of your work to **upload**.
- Samples should be recent and relevant to your chosen major.
- For the work submitted, be prepared to complete this additional written response:
 - **A link to your website/online portfolio or any additional production photos.**
 - Also, provide any additional context or insight into the examples above or to your work in general. You may consider addressing some of the following:
 - Your work processes, challenges, and takeaways from the productions featured above.
 - Why you are interested in your chosen major and what you hope your chosen university can offer you (and what you can bring to their program).
 - Further examples/photos of your work.

Theatre Education:

Be prepared to provide **two** examples of your strongest work (photographs, documents, etc.). These should show a variety of experience and work in theatre and should not be lesson plans.

- Label each sample with the show's title, the date of production, and your role in the production (lighting designer, construction crew, stage manager, etc.) and the sample of your work to **upload**.

Be prepared to **upload** a lesson plan or unit that you have written, along with a written response to this additional question:

- What do you see as the value of theatre education? Why have you chosen to pursue a career in the theatre education field?

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The application for SC Senior Thespian Audition and Blair Beasley is now one document. The link to the online form will be sent directly to the Senior once he/she is registered as an Auditioning Delegate through the Delegate Registration form. Any additional information needed will be sent directly to the appropriate person. **Deadline to submit the form: February 1, 2024**

South Carolina Thespian Chapter awards a total of \$2500 in scholarships. The students are chosen by a panel of judges. The students may receive scholarships for the following categories: Acting, Technical Theatre, or Theatre Education. For further information see the Senior Thespian Requirement button below.

Requirements of a Senior Thespian Scholarship Applicant:

- Seniors who are active Thespians (inducted into a troupe, participating on a regular basis)
- Plan to major or minor in Theatre are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Anticipated area of study can include Acting, Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre Design, or Theatre Education.
- A Completed application, including headshot and resume
 - Resume: One page (8 1/2" X 11") one-side only; includes: performance/technical roles (producing organization); theatrical classes (training, location, and instructor) + other significant experiences you have had in your Thespian troupe, school theatre department including offices, committee work, leadership, service projects, your goals for college, your plans after college
- Audition/Portfolio submission (refer to specific details below) and Interview (if selected)
 - Interviews will take place on BEFORE the festival weekend; selected candidates will be notified via email to schedule their interview time.

Additional Requirements:

Acting/Musical Theatre

- A presentation of two contrasting monologues totaling no more than 2 minutes
- Students who wish to audition in Musical Theatre are allowed to additionally include a vocal selection of no more than 30 seconds.
 - If singing, you must be accompanied by an instrumental track or live accompaniment.

Technical Theatre

- A portfolio containing work samples that illustrate a range of work from conceptualization to production realization of a design.
- Any presentation file should be no longer than five minutes in length.
- Refer to link for suggested material to include.

Drama Education

- A portfolio containing samples illustrating your range of work in Theatre, along with a sample lesson plan/unit. Any presentation file should be no longer than five minutes in length.
- Refer to link for suggested material to include.

Additional Information:

- There is no limit to the number of students per school who can audition for scholarship. However, only the top ten candidates will move onto the interview round.
- Ideally, five \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded. However, our qualified judges, have the final decision on how the money will be distributed.
- Once the student has been notified she/he has won the scholarship, she/he will need to contact the EdTA National Office for the monetary award to be sent to her/his chosen college or university.