

# The Colonial Players, Inc. Scholarship Guidelines and Application

## **The Colonial Players Mission**

The purpose of the organization shall be to provide facilities, education, training, and encouragement to all members of the community who are interested in participating in the dramatic arts, and further to educate the community to the appreciation of the dramatic arts by providing a variety of dramatic entertainment.

#### **Intent of The Colonial Players Scholarship Program**

- Encourage participation in theater in general, and The Colonial Players in particular.
- Reward individuals with a demonstrated record of active involvement in community theater (with preference for Colonial Players service).
- Foster life-long appreciation for and support of community theatre

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Prospective full-time students who will have earned a high school diploma, or the equivalent, by the end of the current academic year.
- Past or present residents of Anne Arundel County or documented involvement in Anne Arundel County community theater.
- Demonstrated participation in any aspect of community theater (e.g. cast, crew, design, tech, etc.), with a preference given for service with The Colonial Players.
- Major in theater is not required.
- Past awardees satisfying eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years. Priority will be given to new applicants.

#### **Scholarship Awards**

Scholarship award(s) are between \$2,500 and \$5,000 depending upon the number and quality of applications submitted. The Colonial Players reserves the right to withhold any scholarship or to award a second scholarship (if merited) in any given year.

#### Allowable Scholarship Uses, Extensions and Responsibilities

Funds must be used toward a full-time program at any accredited post-secondary school. In the event that the student does not attend school the proposed year, the student may request an extension to use the funds the following year. A request for extension describing the reason must be submitted in writing to the committee. The committee may grant or deny the request. Any extension granted may not exceed one year. Awardees are responsible for providing a statement of expenditures at the end of their first semester to the scholarship committee at scholarship@thecolonialplayers.org.

#### **Application Submission, Review Process and Deadlines**

Applications will be available on the CP website, the colonial players.org, starting in November of each year. Applications will be accepted beginning in the month of January but MUST be postmarked no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check your application materials. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Once the Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications received, applicants may be contacted for a face-to-face interview. Scholarship announcements and award check(s) will be issued by the end of May. All applicants will be notified by email. Application materials will not be returned. The Colonial Players is not responsible for lost or misplaced materials.

## **Application Materials**

- Completed and signed application form
- Resume (including awards, extra-curricular activities, etc.)
- Typed personal statement of not more than 300 words on the topic "What community theater has meant to me."
- Proof of experience in community theater (e.g. single-sided photocopies of playbills, news clippings, photos, letters from directors, stage managers, or other persons in authority, etc.)
- At least three signed letters of recommendation from a theater connection
- Copy of official academic transcript in a sealed envelope from the school.
- Completed Checklist

For questions or assistance with this application, contact the Scholarship Committee by leaving a message at the Box Office at 410-268-7373. Your call will be returned. Emailed questions may be sent to scholarship@thecolonialplayers.org.

Mail completed application materials to:

Attn: Scholarship Committee The Colonial Players, Inc. 108 East Street Annapolis, MD 21401



# The Colonial Players Scholarship Application Form

# PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date of this application		
Applicant's Name		
Home Address		
Home Phone	Mobile/Campus Phone	
Email		
	Intended Minor	
High School attended		
	h you have applied or intend to apply	
Date of Birth		
Signature of student		
If student is a minor:		
Signature of parent/guardian		
Printed name of parent/guardian	•	



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	Resume (including awards, extra-curricular activities, etc.)
	Typed personal statement of not more than 300 words describing what community theater has meant to you
	Proof of experience in community theatre (e.g. single-sided photocopies of playbills, news clippings, photos, letters from directors, stage managers, or other adults in authority)
	At least three letters of recommendation from a theatre connection addressing this scholarship (MUST be signed and sealed)
	Copy of your official academic transcript in a sealed envelope from the school
	Completed checklist
I have Sign h	enclosed ALL required documents. ere:
Name	Date